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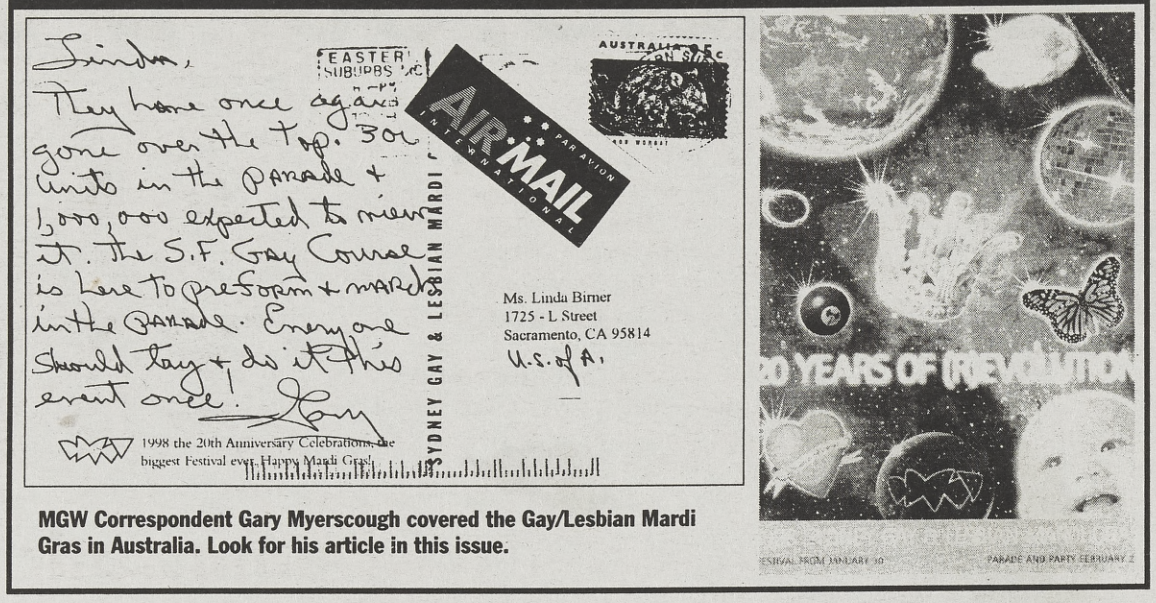
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MGW Correspondent Gary Myerscough covered the Gay/Lesbian Mardi Gras in Australia. Look for his article in this issue.

A Legend Moves On

Dear Linda,

It's been ages since I've seen you and since I've written a column. It must look like I just drifted away.

Last fall, through December, dance classes and special programs at my school were keeping me quite busy. I had two school productions going on simultaneously. Since then, my Mom and nephew have kept me pleasantly on the run. I've flown to Buffalo and driven to both Florida (from NY) and Oregon (from Sacramento). Now it's March, and more projects are underway. I just finished my second series of dance lessons with SACWN. I also have a gay Ballroom Dance the first Friday of every month. Attendance has been great.

Subsequently, the FLASH column got put on hold. I've loved my years writing the column, but feel it's time to move on. That's always a tough call to make, especially for me. Thanks for giving me the avenue to express my views and "take" on the Sacramento community. I've had the luxury of being largely unedited, a true joy. Lately, many acquaintances have expressed that they miss my commentary-what a compliment.

I look forward to someday compiling all my columns chronologically in a sort of haphazard book. Then just going out to the country to read it all. One of these days!

Thanks again for all the pleasant years at MGW.

Sincerely,
John E. Batchelor II

Publishers Note : We didn't ever want to get this letter!!! But, we understand lives must change. The MGW staff and I will miss John's energy around the office, and his excellent skill in pulling information out of his friends!

That leads us to search for a new "Social Diva" or "Divas" that enjoy going to parties, and fund-raisers, and discreetly eavesdropping, to put our Flash column together.

Would you Change your Name ?

Dear Editor,

An interesting call came to me from a representative of the Eagles Fraternal Organization. It appears they have begun to receive calls about us, (EAGLES - Eminent Association of Gay & Lesbian Energetic Seniors), I guess because of a news item in the Hart Center monthly newsletter which welcomed us to the facility. The caller asked that we consider changing our name to avoid any confusion. My guess is they would prefer not to have to deal with inquiries from people who think they may be sponsors of a gay and lesbian group! I must admit, my caller, whose name I did not think to keep, was very polite and did not infer any of the things I'm "guessing" about. Maybe it's just my paranoia at work overtime!

Roy Brophy
Eminent Association of Gay & Lesbian Energetic Seniors

Viva La Cow Shorts

Dear Linda,

Remember the "cow shorts" I gave k.d. lang at the last concert she did in Sacramento?!!! Hey, we're lonely up here in the foothills!!! Please tell your readers about the March sale at our,, Lotus Valley Nursery and Gardens; we specialize in ornamental grasses, Mediterranean's and natives. We are offering 20% off on all small containers of perennials and grasses, and have over 90 varieties now available. We are at 5606 Petersen Lane in Lotus near Coloma off Hwy. 49. Our number is 530-626-7021. The hours are Wed thru Sun, 9-5.

Sincerely,
Charles

Searching For Information

Dear Editor:

Do any of your readers know anything? We are trying to know more about them, to complete a book on early gay/lesbian history.

1. Charles W. Talley and/or Benny Norman Baker
(Arrested New Year's Eve, 12-31-66 atr Black Cat in L A, maybe Harold James Meyeroff also has information.)

2. Gerard Joseph Lavoie, George Fleuti, and Clive Michael Boutilier Lavoie
(Fought deportation by INS in early 50's and 60's.)

3. Alvin Leon Buchanan and/or Travis Lee Strickland
(Challenged the Texas sodomy law in the early 60's.)

Since our history is almost less than 50 years old, we can and must preserve it. Not many people in 1966 at a gay bar would think that in the late 90's they would be remembered as part of a history.

Sincerely,
Billy Glover
Vice Chair
Homosexual Information Center South
115 Monroe St. Bossier City,
LA. 71111
Fax 714.376.9312

Thanks for the Article

Dear Editor,

Thanks for including OUTside Sports in your paper. I love the picture of the rock climber. I appreciate your time and support.

Sincerely,
Ken Brunt — owner
San Francisco

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Plant Sale Coming

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Clients, Volunteers, Staff and Board of Directors of the Sacramento Aids Foundation, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution of advertising space for the Spring Plant Sale benefiting the Foundation.

The Foundation greatly appreciates your contribution in supporting our mission, "To stop the spread of HIV infection through education, and to provide care and support of people living with the HIV disease and AIDS."

Thank you once again for your contribution and the success you contribute to this twice-yearly plant sale.

Sincerely Yours,
Michael Lemon
Executive Director
Sacramento AIDS Foundation

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UNDER THE DOME

Kuehl Introduces Bill to Strengthen Hate Crimes Law

California State Assembly Speaker pro Tempore Sheila Kuehl has introduced legislation to strengthen California's hate crime law under which crimes based on gender are prosecuted. Currently, the law is not clear that this category also includes hate crimes committed because the perpetrator deems the victim's appearance or behavior to be gender inappropriate. Speaker pro Tem Kuehl indicates that some district attorneys fail to prosecute hate crimes, especially those directed against transgendered persons. Hate crimes based upon gender and sexual orientation are included in California's hate crime statutes and can be legally prosecuted. Only a few District Attorney's offices, such as those in Los Angeles and San Francisco are actually pursuing these charges.

> ***"when my bill AB 1999 passes, the prosecutable nature of these crimes will be crystal clear."***

"Sadly, the State Attorney General's office has not provided the necessary leadership when it comes to prosecuting hate crimes," says Speaker pro Tem Kuehl. "I won't speculate on whether this reflects a lack of will on the Attorney General's part or confusion about the law, but I can say for certain that when my bill AB 1999 passes, the prosecutable nature of these crimes will be crystal clear."

Says Speaker pro Tem Kuehl, "Among the most important features of life in a democratic society are freedom of movement, freedom of expression and freedom of association, along with the right to the safety of one's own person. I believe that my bill, by helping to reduce violence, will enhance the quality of life for all Californians." ▼

Willie Brown to Host Same Sex Marriage Ceremony March 25

Mayor Willie Brown, Jr. and California Assemblywoman Carole Migden will host the second same-sex marriage ceremony at San Francisco City Hall March 25. The event will fall on the second anniversary of the original ceremony, two years ago, when 163 couples exchanged vows.

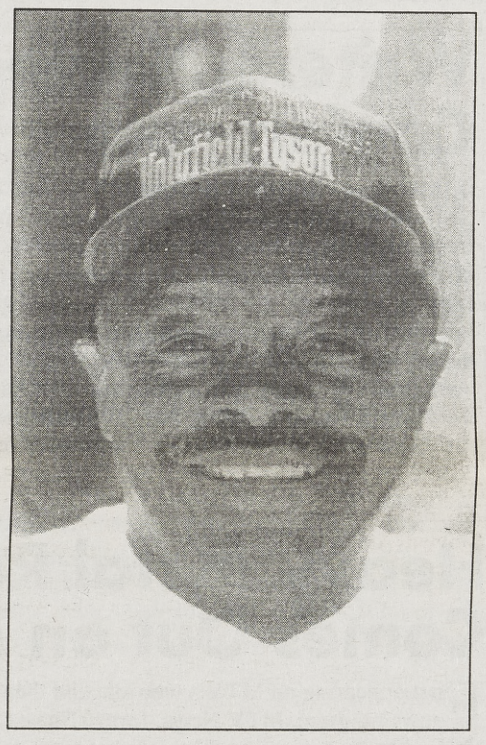
Altogether 27 states have banned the recognition of same sex marriages performed in other states. States are responding to an impending ruling from the Hawaii Supreme court, which is expected to make the state the first to legalize same-gender marriages.

The event is an effort to bolster support for same-sex marriage, which has peaked at around 38 percent in most poles.

"San Francisco will once again take the lead on the discussion around same-sex marriage," Brown stated. On March 25th, we will put a human face on same-sex relationships, challenging America to look at these couples who pay the same taxes, share the same hopes and dreams, contribute equally to society, and yet are denied equality under the law."

It is estimated that married couples are afforded over 150 benefits that same-sex couples are denied.

In 1992, San Francisco adopted a domestic partners ordinance, allowing couples to register their relationships at city hall. Subsequent ordinances provided retirement benefits to domestic partners and allows them to have civil ceremonies performed at the County Clerk's office. So far, over 3000 couples have registered their relationships with the city. This year's ceremony will be limited to 50 couples in addition to 10 couples in long-term relationships, who will receive special recognition form the city. Couples from the 1996 event have been invited back to join Brown, Migden and members of the Board of supervisors for this year's celebration. ▼



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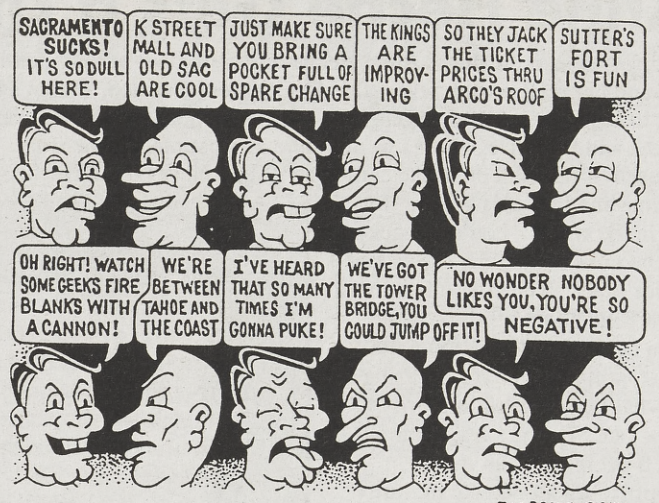
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Democratic State Convention Starts March 20

The annual California Democratic party state convention, "Victory 98" is being held March 20-22, 1998 at the Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles. The official State Democratic Convention is on Saturday and Sunday. Activities will begin on Friday. Vice President Al Gore is the keynote speaker on Saturday morning. Senator Barbara Boxer will speak Saturday morning as well. Democratic candidates for Governor and other statewide offices will address the delegation. The district level endorsement elections are scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Info: 442-5707. ▼

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Agricultural Advisory Committee	Open Filing	5 farming/livestock reps.
Antelope Comm. Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	1 residents of area (nom by 4th District Supervisor)
Arden-Arcade Comm. Planning Adv. Coun	Open Filing	3 resident of area
Assessment Appeals Board	Open Filing	2 member seat
Building Board of Appeals	Open Filing	1 plumbing contractor 1 mechanical contractor
Building Board of Appeals	Open Filing	1 architect 1 electrical contractor 1 plumbing contractor 1 residental contractor 1 mechanical engineer
Carmichael Community Planning	Open Filing	4 resident of area (nom by Adv. Council3rd Dist. Sup)
Children's Coalition	Open Filing	1 Home Care 1 Economic Development 1 Community Service Org. 1 Religous Comm. Member 1 Child Justice
City/County Bicycle Advisory Comm.	3/30-4/10	2 Members
Cordova Comm. Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	1 resident of area (nom by 4th & 5th Dist. Supervisors)
Consumnes Area Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	5 residents of area
County Service Area #4B	Open Filing	2 residents of area
County Service Area #4C	Open Filing	3 residents of area
County Service Area #4D- Herald/Alta Mesa	Open Filing	4 residents of area
Delta Citizens Municipal Advisory Council	3/16-3/27	1 residents of area (nom by 5th Dist. Supervisor)
Elk Grove Comm. Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	8 residents of area
Fair Oaks Comm. Planning Advisory Council	4/13-4/24	6 residents of area
Fire Advisory Board	4/6-4/17	1 citizen of area
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Franklin/Laguna Area Community Advisory Council	Open Filing	2 residents of area (nom by 2nd & 5th Dist. Supervisor)
Human Services Coordinating Council	Open Filing	1 member at-large seats
Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Advisory Board	Open Filing	1 consumer/parent children's org
Natomas Comm. Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	3 residents of area (nom by 5th Dist. Supervisor)
North Highland/Foothill Farms Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	6 residents of area (nom by,Sups. Of Dists. 1. 3 & 4)
Orangevale Comm. Planning Advis. Council	4/20-5/1	2 residents
Paratransit, Inc., Board of Directors	Open Filing	1 user rep.
Physically Handicapped Appeals Bd.	Open Filing	1 physically handicapped seat
Rio Linda/Elverta Comm. Planning Avisory	Open Filing	4 residents of area
Sacramento County Mental Health Board	Open Filing	1 family members 2 consumer member 2 public interest
Sacramento County Employees Retirement	3/16-3/27	1 member
Sacramento Local Agency Formation Comm	Open Filing	2 public members
South Sacramento Area Comm. Planning Advisory Cmte.	Open Filing	4 residents of area
Southeast Comm. Planning Adv. Cmte	Open Filing	5 residents of area
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Parks & Recreation Avisory Comm.	02/10-03/20	8 Openings
Sacramento City/County Bicycle Adv. Comm	03/1-03/06	2 Openings
Sacramento Youth Commission	02/10-03/20	11 Openings
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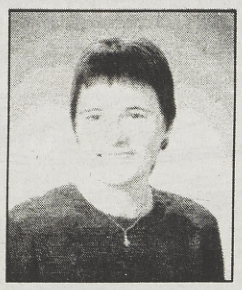

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MEDIA WATCH

Anne Heche Gets a Life

Life magazine featured Anne Heche discussing her sexual identity and her relationship with Ellen DeGeneres. Entitled, "What's Love Got to Do With It? Everything," the introduction states, "When Anne Heche and Ellen DeGeneres went public as a couple, Heche was accused of latching on to the comedian's star. Never mind Heche's own resume and the roles waiting for her in the wings. Looking back, Heche talks about why she risked it all for love." The article features a Herb Ritts photo of the couple from behind, walking down the street, arm in arm. "It's amazing to be what I call the last minority to come out," Heche says, adding that l, g, b people are "an inside minority, not an outside minority. But...this is as much a part of me as my skin color, yet, I'm not allowed to say it? We're as O.K. as anybody else." When asked if she defines herself as a lesbian or bisexual, she responds, "Neither. I didn't know I was open to women. The definition of gay is that you're attracted to the same sex; there are people who are born attracted to the same sex." When asked if she thinks she was born that way, she responds, "No, I think I was born attracted to a human soul...I knew the second I met Ellen, I would be with her forever."

Anne Heche

Life: Jay Lovinger, Managing Editor, Life Magazine, Time-Life Building, 1271 Avenue of the Americas, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10020, fax: 212-522-0379, e-mail:lifeedit@life.timeinc.com ▼

"Nothing Sacred's" Episode Suppressed

ABC has refused to air a "Nothing Sacred" episode about a gay priest with AIDS. In the New York Times, Rev. Andrew M. Greeley says viewers should see the episode, entitled "HIV Priest: Film at 11." According to Greeley, ABC Entertainment President Jamie Tarses has kept it off the air due to the objections of "the ultraconservative Catholic League," but she said it was, "likely (the episode) will turn up at some point." Calling the episode "the best story about the Roman Catholic priesthood since Graham Greene's classic 1940 novel, The Power and the Glory." GLAAD has seen the un-aired episode and is shocked that ABC would refuse to air it. "This episode, like the program in general, is compelling and honest and addresses real issues in the Catholic church today," said GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry. "ABC should allow its viewers to make their own decisions." Contact: Jamie Tarse, Entertainment President, ABC, 2040 Ave. of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA, fax: 310-557-7679, e-mail:netaudr@abc.com, or call ABC at 310-557-7777 and ask to be connected to audience response line. Howell Raines, Editorial/Opinion Page Editor, New York Times, 229 West 43rd St., New York, NY 10036, fax: 212-556-3690, email:letters@nytimes.com (include phone number). ▼

Newsday Profiles Two Gay Dads

Newsday contained an extensive profile of Jon and Rob Cooper, a gay male couple who adopted five children and whose family exemplifies the modern definition of an American family. "The Coopers present an idyllic image of a well-adjusted family," writes Newsday reporter Ching-Ching Ni, who also quotes the couple's oldest son, Daniel, who said: "It's just like a regular house. Everybody cares about you. Everybody loves you." Throughout the piece, Ni shows the family to be just what it is: loving, healthy and "normal."
Newsday: Robert Brandt, Managing Editor, 235 Pinelawn Road, Melville, NY 11747, fax: 516-843-3464, email:letters@newsday.com▼

60 Minutes Wrestles with Issue of Ex-Gays

A 60 Minutes segment with Leslie Stahl began with the question, "What Happens when your son tell you he's gay and doesn't want to be?" Stahl introduced an anti-gay radical religious group called Exodus "which claims to change the sexual orientation of gay people, with a course of Bible study, behavioral modification and peer counseling." They present a "PFOX" (Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays) meeting where several parents ask what they did to "make" their children gay. Stahl asked for Exodus' success rate but, not surprisingly, they refuse to provide it.

Stahl interviewed Cathy Tuerk, whose son came to her when he was eight years old and said "I hate myself—I think I'm a fag." Doug, an openly gay man, relates his own experience with two exorcisms and five years of religious-based "conversion therapy" without success. He tells Stahl that, "Being an ex-gay is like being an ex-black." Stahl then refocuses on Tuerk, who eventually went to PFLAG (Parents Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays), found herself among other parents who care deeply about their children, and is now president of a PFLAG chapter. The closing shot is of her at last year's Youth Pride Day telling the crowd, "I am a proud mom of a gay son, and I am here to tell you, you are not alone."

Thank CBS and 60 Minutes for their balanced portrayal:

Andrew Hayward, President, CBS Television Network, 524 West 57th St., New York, NY 10019, fax: 212-975-9387.

Don Hewitt, Executive Producer, 60 Minutes, 555 West 57th St., New York, NY 10019, fax: 212-975-2019. ▼

Writers, Youth Hold Conferences

Four major conferences happened around the country in February revealing the vast diversity of the l/g/b/t community. In Boston, over 1,000 l/g/b/t artists and activists gathered for OutWrite. They discussed issues facing lesbian and gay writers and culture. In Denver, Colorado, the National Diversity Conference for Youth brought together teens, including l/g/b/t young people, from all over the country, for discussion of a wide array of social concerns for youth. Young people also participated in "Across the Fruited Plain," the 1998 Midwest L/G/B/T College Conference. Finally, the American Boyz sponsored True Spirit Conference for all gender variant people on the FTM (Female to Male) spectrum took place in Laurel, Maryland. ▼

Heavy Metal Rocker Comes Out on MTV

First appearing on MTV's web site and then on the cable channel's news program, MTV News, former "beast from Judas Priest" Rob Halford came out as gay. "I think that most people know that I've been a gay man all my life, and that it's only been in recent times that it's an issue that I feel comfortable to address." In March, Halford's new band Two will release their first album, Voyeurs. MTV said Halford hopes his openness will inspire others. "I think it's difficult for everybody, especially if you're a teenager," he said. "Maybe people like myself... that do step in front of a camera and let the world know, maybe it's of some help, where there's an individual that's been successful...and not let the issue of sexuality be something to hold them back." ▼

Non-profit Week is March 17

Dr. Leslie Lenkowsky, Professor of Philanthropic Studies and Public Policy at Indiana/Purdue University at Indianapolis, and former president of the Hudson Institute, will be the luncheon speaker at the third annual California Nonprofits Week Sacramento conference, March 17. The conference is presented by the California Association of Nonprofits and its Nonprofit Policy Council. Dr. Lenkowsky will speak on the subject of Politics and Nonprofits: Rethinking the Relationship Between Government and Nonprofits.
The event will begin with a panel discussion at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria on *California's Future: Where Will California Be Five Years From Now*. It will be moderated by Dan Walters, syndicated columnist. The panelists are: Judith Stacey, Professor, University of Southern California; Senator Steve Peace; Assemblymembers Denise Moreno Ducheny and Roderick Wright. Info: 213-347-2070. ▼

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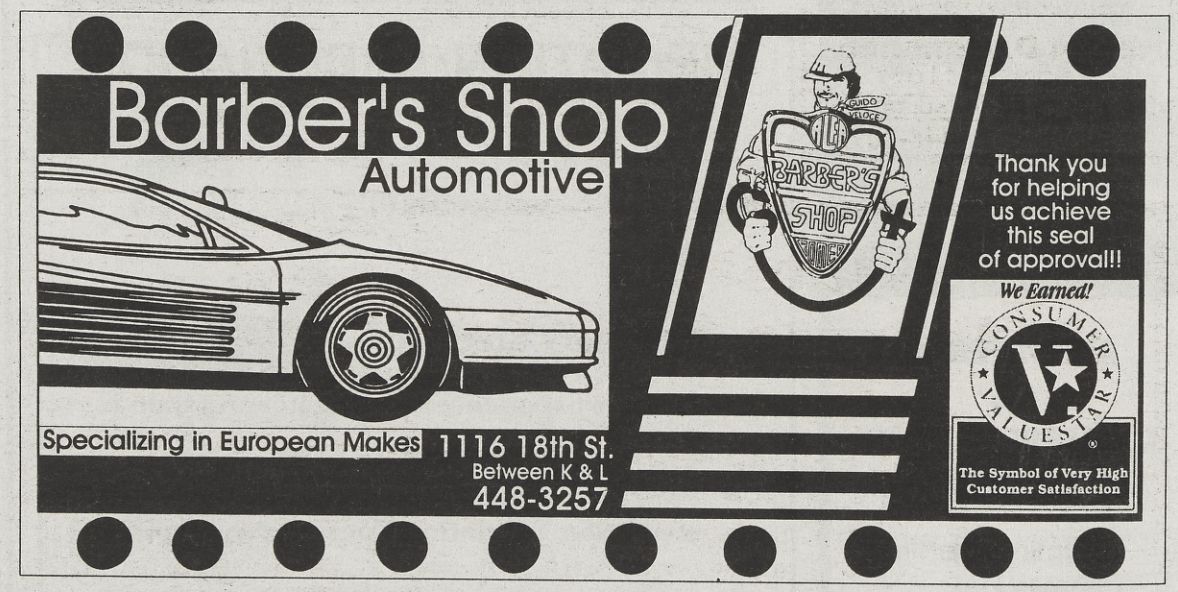

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Bolton-Holifield Hosts Youth Clinic

All WNBA guard Ruthie Bolton-Holifield hosted a youth fitness clinic encourages 200 local kids to "Play Fit, Stay Fit" before leaving for Colorado to train with the United States Women's World Championship squad. The starting guard on the gold-medal winning 1996 United States' Women's Olympic Basketball Team, Ruthie Bolton-Holifield, was again selected to represent the USA at the 1998 FIBA (International Basketball Federation) Women's World Championships, which take place May 26-June 7 in Germany.
In preparation for the 16 team competition, Bolton-Holifield will train with the team in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the USA Olympic Center before competing in Hawaii, Japan and Slovakia prior to departing for Germany.

Bolton-Holifield will participate in the Monarchs Media Day on Monday, May 11. She will then return to Sacramento again on Tuesday, June 9, two days before the 1998 WNBA season tips off on Thursday, June 11.

The WNBA Draft is set for Wednesday, April 29. The Monarch Training Camp begins on Tuesday, May 12. The 1998 Monarchs' season opens at ARCO Arena June 11 versus the Western Conference Champion, Phoenix Mercury, at 7:30pm. A two game pre-season schedule and local television package will be announced later. ▼

Ruthie Bolton-Holifield, Sacramento Monarchs guard

Tower Continues Support of G/L

Retailer Tower Records has adopted Same Sex Domestic Partner health benefits at all 187 book, record and video stores worldwide. The provision of the "Same Sex" or "Spousal Equivalent" benefit carries much significance at Tower. Tower's Human Resources department, in conjunction with its Legal Counsel carefully reevaluated all health benefit options for the company. They concluded that this benefit should be extended to the Tower family of employees. This is in keeping with the organization's belief in the importance of health benefit coverage to employee well-being and its fundamental respect for alternative lifestyles.

Michael Solomon, Tower's Legal Counsel explained, "The provision of the Same Sex Domestic Partner benefit not only exemplifies Tower's belief in personal choice, but enables us, as a corporation, to embrace diversity and individualism." As Renee Gromacki, Human Resources Manager stated, "Health benefit coverage is key to our employees and their families. Extending these benefits to employees who lead an alternative lifestyle simply helps preserve the health, happiness and productivity of all employees." She added, "Heterosexual people have the choice to marry or not, but society precludes gay couples from making this decision. Tower is merely offering an important benefit to people who legally would not be given that choice."

This pro-active and progressive approach has already been well received by Tower employees, who applaud the decision and are proud to work for an organization that vigorously supports gay rights. Policy information is currently available to employees, along with a sign-up form for enrollment purposes. In addition, domestic partners will also be eligible for COBRA benefits, which safeguard the continuation of health benefits if employment is terminated. They will also be eligible for family medical leave of absence and bereavement leave.

Tower Records, a leading merchandiser of recorded sound, video and books with 187 stores worldwide, plans to further assess its benefit programs to ensure their alignment with the needs of Tower employees.▼

Lambda Community Center : Donations & Pledges Are Needed

The Lambda Community Fund was founded in April 1978 as the George Sand Community Benefit Fund to provide cash grants to individuals and organizations in the G/L community. The Lambda Community Center was established in 1986 and was supported by the Lambda Community Fund. One of the events is the annual Lambda Freedom Fair, the oldest and largest celebration of gay pride in the Sacramento area. The Lambda Community fund relies on support through direct donations and attendance at fund-raisers and depends totally on volunteers to run the center and programs. The center is recognized by the state, local political leaders, and news media. Members of the Board of Directors and staff are often invited to speak.

The mission of the Lambda Community Center is to further the well being of the GLBT community by providing human services to the community, organizing and sponsoring activities and increasing positive public awareness of our community. They have now downsized to a small business office at 920 20th St., Suite 117. Open 7 days a week.

The center receives 20-30 phone calls and 5-10 walk ins. Offered, are evening Group Meetings and a once a month,Finally a Gay Traffic School.

Since losing all their funding the center is operating solely on the donations from the community. The volunteers want to keep the center going and be able to extend programs. Donations, pledges, and volunteers are needed to keep the center open. Future plans include a new membership drive and the Freedom Fair. The next committee meeting for fair volunteers is March 23rd at 6 p.m. and is open to everyone. The center is searching for energetic people with time and resources to rebuild the board of directors. Info: Jim Selaor, 442-0185 ▼

Faces... "Goes on the Blink"

No need to be alarmed, but you'll want to be sure to turn on your blinkers before entering Faces on Wednesday nights during the month of March. Faces, Coors, and Coors Light have initiated " A Bink Is As Good As A Wink " month at the poplular nightspot, handing out blinking buttons that will allow customers to get in for $1 — as long as they're wearing their blinky button.. In addition, Coors has pledged ten cents for every Coors and Coors Light sold on Wednesdays during ther month of March to the Sacramento Lambda Center.

" We want to get a start on spring by making Wednesday nights more interesting," according to owner Terry Sidie. " The blinking button offers some fun opportunities as a 'substitute wink' — to the person working at the door, or whomever sparks your interest."

Coors is hoping to raise a few hundred dollars for the Local Lambda Center, according to Katie Kettman, district manager for Capital Coors, the local Coors distributor. " We want to create some fun at Faces on Wednesday nights, but we also want to give back to the community."

The promotion runs through the month of March, says Sidie, and goes from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Faces is located at "K" and 20th. ▼

Women's Chorus Concert March 28

The Northern California Women's Chorus, under the direction of Singer-Songwriter Judy Fjell, will present a concert on Saturday March 28, 7:30 p.m., at the Music Recital Hall, CSUS. The concert will be a celebration of Women's History Month.

The Chorus was formed in 1996 to present a series of concerts in Los Angeles during the exhibit of Judy Chicago's " Dinner Party. " The chorus repertoire consists of songs and poems reflecting feminist political and cultural expression. Included in Fjell's composition " Dinner Party, Song For Judy Chicago," which she wrote after seeing Judy Chicago's ground breaking exhibit in 1979 in San Francisco. ▼

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What is the Difference between Pornography and Erotica"?

Katie
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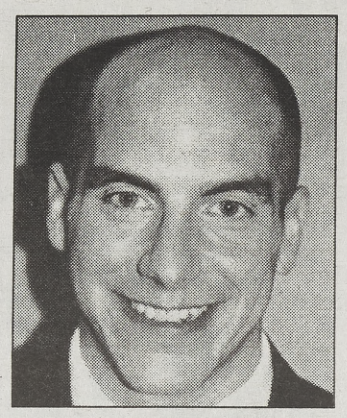
"To me pornography is dirty, nothing sensual about it. Erotica can be... more acceptable."

Pat Schell
South Natoma

"Violence, it's very subjective. Violence can be erotic to some people. I don't find erotica violent or degrading."



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"Pornography is exploitation and ultimately demeaning. Erotica is an artistic expression of the beauty of the human form and sexuality."

Shanon Haire
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"The difference has to be that erotica isn't as objective. Erotica is mental, pornography is more graphic."

Katy McClure
Midtown

"There is a big differnce. Each person has their own definition of when the line is crossed. Erotica can turn you on, pornography can turn you off, speaking as a woman."

Spin, Jump and Kick

The California State Senior Taekwondo Champions is scheduled to be held Saturday, March 21, at the Hornet Gymnasium at Cal State University, Sacramento. Black belt competition in forms and sparring will be featured. More Than 200 competitors are expected to participate in the championships this year. Info: 921-1464 ▼

Bare Chested Men Sought

The South-of-Market Bare Chest Calendar has a new owner, new sponsor and new venue for its bi-weekly calendar contests. SMMILE, the South-of-Market Merchants and Individual Lifestyles Events, which produces Up Your Alley and Folsom Street Fairs, has acquired the calendar. Miller Brewing Company has agreed to become the corporate sponsor. The Powerhouse on Folsom will host contests. Contests for first four months on the 1999 calendar have already been completed but contests for the remaining spots will continue bi-weekly on Thursdays until June 11 when the cover man will be chosen. The calendar's mission is to raise funds for the San Francisco AIDS Emergency Fund (AEF). So far, $100,000 has been raised.
The men being selected now for the 1999 calendar will appear at the Sacramento Bolt this Fall for a calendar autograph signing party. Info: Ron Hadfield 415-252-1166. ▼

Census Bureau Selects Sacramento as Test Site

The City of Sacramento has been chosen as the urban test area for the year 2000 federal census. City residents will be polled for the dress rehearsal census from April 1-June 30, 1998. Residents will find the process similar to the 1990 census, however, the US Census Bureau will be testing new population counting methods that may be implemented during the full census in 2000.
More than 300 people will be hired to take census information and tabulate results. For employment information, call 498-5116.
A benefit to Sacramento as a test city is having the results early. This information can be used to apply for public and private funding of community programs and projects. Sacramento was chosen for its population size, diversity and its location. ▼

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One of Sacramento's most distinguished dining establishments, Restaurant 1201 offers an elegant European atmosphere and sophisticated food prepared by highly trained, experienced and very talented chefs.

Located at the upper end of the K Street Mall, the restaurant is next door to the new Esquire Theater Complex, presently under construction, and only a short walk to the Sacramento Community and Convention Center. The restaurant's impressive lobby area opens to a lounge straight ahead and the dining room to the right side as you enter the building. The dining area is tastefully and traditionally decorated and has a wonderful view of the promenade mall directly across from the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Every detail has been thoughtfully arranged. There are special individually crafted glass candleholders commissioned for the restaurant. Lovely silver coffee creamers and Haviland china sugar bowls are appointed on each spacious table covered with fine ivory colored linens.

During the summer months there is outside dining available on the promenade mall reminiscent of some restaurants in Europe.

The luncheon and dinner menus are changed every two months and feature a fresh variation of European and California cuisines. Dave Mann, the Executive Chef, day Sous Chef John Woessner and evening Sous Chef Kelly Hogge, formerly of the Slocum House, create several specials each day.

Restaurant 1201 features an extensive wine list. There are varieties carefully selected to complement each course.

Unique luncheon entrees include Grilled Cheddar Burger with sautéed portobellos and pancetta on an onion roll with dijonaise and Wild Mushroom Risotto with porcini, wild mushrooms and asiago cheese ($8.25 each). There is an excellent selection of seafood, rabbit, duck, lamb and chicken dishes. The salads and sandwiches are unique and the presentation is beautiful.

Before the entrée consider a dinner starter like Medusa Crab Cakes ($8.50), or Dry Aged New York Carpaccio ($8.00.) Some of the delicious and sophisticated dinner entrees include Salmon Wrapped in Filo with Mixed Nuts, Spinach and Mascarpone served with Amaretto buerre blanc and sweet potato puree ($19.00), Sautéed Whole Breast of Chicken Stuffed With Foie Gras served over a fresh truffle demi-glace with mashed potatoes ($18.00) and House Smoked Pork Chop served with creamed fennel, oven-dried tomatoes and garlic mashed potatoes (22.50).

After dining try a signature dessert created by Patricia Murakami, the Dessert Chef. The Chocolate Tulip Cup with espresso ganache and caramel straws, Tiramisu, Poached Pears in red wine, Apple Raisin Cheesecake, Fresh Berry Tarts and Cannoli are light and complement an exquisite dining experience. The lounge offers an excellent selection of cordials and vintage ports for your consideration after finishing a wonderful dining experience.

The restaurant's manager, Kevin McCoy, and his fine staff of wait people will provide most efficient and courteous service and make you feel comfortable if you are alone, a couple or a group.

There is free parking in the evening only. Enter the building at the rear alley and park in the garage, take the elevator to the main floor and you are at Restaurant 1201. During the day the best place to park is at the Cathedral parking lot at 11th & J Streets and walk over two blocks.

The restaurant is available for special group occasions. Please call Kevin for more information. Reservations are recommended, especially for lunch. ▼

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On Film...

It's less than a year since My Best Friend's Wedding was raking in the box-office bucks. Apparently that was more than enough time for 20th Century Fox to knock off of that film's successful formula. Their version is called The Object of My Affection and stars **Jennifer Aniston** (Friends) as a woman in love with a gay man played by **Paul Rudd** (Clueless). *I promised not to make a Nicole Kidman joke here.* This film version of **Stephen McCauley's** novel has a script by Playwright **Wendy Wasserstein** (Heidi Chronicles) under the direction of **Nicholas Hytner**. The cast also includes **Tim Daly** (Dr. Jeckyl & Ms. Hyde), **Alan Alda** (And The Band Played On) and **Sir Nigel Hawthorne** (The Madness of King George). *It would seem that Hytner took a shinning to young Paul Rudd which you will find out about in the Theatre News section of this column.* ▼▼▼

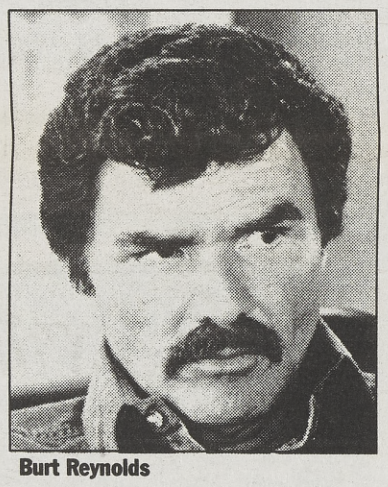
Madonna

She's been Popstar, girlfriend, model and mother. For her next role it's Sister **Madonna**. *Don't worry, the Pope won't be losing sleep over it, I mean as in siblings*. For her next film role, Madonna will play a woman whose brother has AIDS in The Red Door. As children the two endure an abusive father, eventually grow apart and are reunited as the brother becomes ill. ▼▼▼

Madonna buddy, **Rosie O'Donnell** does play a nun in this month's film release Wide Awake. Rosie plays Sister Terry, a sports loving nun who helps a little boy find God after his grandfather dies. Rosie's Exit To Eden co-star **Kim Delany** teams with **Dennis Leary** as the boy's parents. *Now, I want to know, was the nun sports loving before or after Rosie got the role?* ▼▼▼

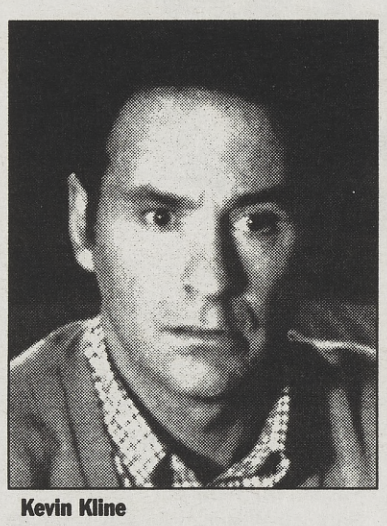
Matthew Perry's boss thinks he's gay in the upcoming movie Three To Tango. It doesn't seem to be an issue for Perry's character as he pretends to go along with the lie in order to see a female co-worker without corporate repercussions. ▼▼▼

Touchstone films has announced their upcoming project on the rise and fall of **Chippendales** strip club creator Steve Banerjee. A somewhat surprising topic for this division of Disney Studios, the film details how Banerjee, an Indian immigrant, went from owning a number of gas stations to a world famous male strip club. But fate did an about face when the entrepreneur dove into a pool of organized crime and developed a drug habit. **Barry Sonnenfield** (Men In Black) will direct while aiming to replicate the comic tone of the movie 'Get Shorty'. ▼▼▼ **Sandra Bernhard** stars in the coming-of-age drama Lover Girl from Dream Entertainment. **Kristy Swanson** co-stars in this story of a teenager who gets close to the female workers of a massage parlor after her mother dies. *Is it a real massage parlor or just the White House secretary pool?* ▼▼▼



Burt Reynolds

A reminder of gay relevant material nominated for Academy Awards, which air their 70th edition on ABC. As Good As It Gets and The Full Monty, both featuring a gay characters are nominated for Best Picture as well as Good Will Hunting which was directed by the very gay **Gus Van Sant**. Former talk show host **Gregg Kinnear**, who plays a gay man in As Good As It Gets, is in the running for Best Supporting Actor. **Burt Reynolds** is nominated in the same category for his role in Boogie Nights, another film which had a gay character. *Surprising that his toupee isn't nominated for best special effect.* And last but not least, **Gus Van Sant** is in the running to receive a statue for best director. **Kevin Kline**, who wasn't nominated for his performance as a gay man in the film In and Out, still has ties to the awards. His father-in-law, **Gil Cates** will once more produce the ceremony as it airs live from the L.A. Shriners Auditorium on March 23rd. ▼▼▼



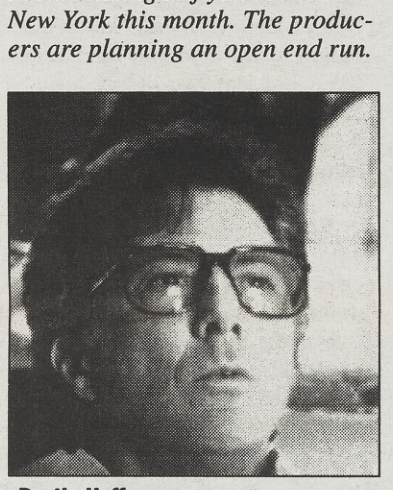
Kevin Kline

One of the films screening at the London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival is a documentary video of k.d. lang Live In Sydney. The entry will screen on March 19th at the N.F.T. Auditorium. Among other k.d. news, the songstress is about to start filming Eye of the Beholder with **Ewan McGregor** and **Ashley Judd**. The script is based on Marc Behm's novel of the same name and will feature k.d. in the role of Hilary. The March 30th edition of the GLAAD Media Awards will present k.d. with the Vito Russo (The Celluloid Closet) Entertainer Award.

In Theatre...

Nicholas Hytner will direct a production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at New York's Lincoln Center this Summer. The production runs July 16 to August 30 and stars Oscar nominee **Helen Hunt** (As Good As It Gets) and **Paul Rudd** (Clueless). Rudd is no stranger to works of the Bard having previously appeared in William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet with **Leonardo DiCaprio** and **Clare Danes**. ▼▼▼ **Sir Derek Jacobi** will star in a new production of A Man For All Seasons at Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center next year. The revival will come to Yankee shores after a London run. Fans of Sir Derek will want to check out his current interview in the latest edition of 'British Heritage' magazine. Another British import, the comedy hit My Night With Reg by Kevin Elyot, makes its West Coast premiere at S.F.'s New Conservatory Theatre. The funny and sometimes bitchy toned play looks at elements of gay love March 18 through May 25th. ▼▼▼

Washed up Disco Diva, **Donna Summer** is valiantly working toward bringing a new and original musical to Broadway next year called Ordinary Girl. Summer is the co-writer with hopes to star in the show which is somewhat autobiographical. You can expect it to include a number of Donna Summer classic songs like 'Bad Girls', 'On The Radio' and 'She Works Hard For The Money.' *After she made anti-gay religious based statements and lost her career let's hope she leave out 'What A Friend We Have In Jesus'.* ▼▼▼ While it's **Elizabeth Ashley** as **Diana Vreeland** in the S. F. production of Full Gallop, **Brenda Vacaro** has the part in the L.A. version opening March 30 at the Coronet Theatre. ▼▼▼ The opening of Tallulah's Party starring **Tovah Feldshuh** as the unpredictable **Talluhah Bankhead** has been pushed back to March 19th. The show will debut at the Soho Playhouse rather than the previously announced Manhattan Homefront Theatre. *Don't worry about missing it if you're not in New York this month. The producers are planning an open end run.*



Dustin Hoffman

On Television...

TNT will air a salute to the Warner Brothers Studio on March 29 hosted by **Dustin Hoffman**. The special is called The Warner Bros. Story: No Guts, No Glory - 75 Years of Award Winners and features interviews with **Sandra Bullock**, **Kevin Spacey** and **Mel Gibson** among others. ▼▼▼ Cartoonist and producer **Matt Groening** (The Simpsons) is making another animated primetime comedy series for the FOX network. The show will be called Futurama and takes place in the year 3,000. *Now imagine the Simpsons mixed with the Jetsons.* FOX has been after Groening for a second series ever since The Simpsons became a hit. One idea of a 'Krusty The Clown' spin-off never reached production. ▼▼▼

NBC has ordered a sitcom pilot called Will & Grace, about a gay man and his straight female best friend. *Of course NBC executives have never heard of Rupert Everett and Julia Roberts.* A revival of the old horror anthology series Night Gallery is in development for NBC. Former Universal Television president Tom Thayer and Manny Coto (The Outer Limits) are working on a two-hour pilot and hope to convince **Stephen King** and **Clive Barker** to script a few episodes. ▼▼▼ On the subject of TV series remakes. **Dan Curtis** is pursuing big screen versions of his old cult favorite TV shows The Night Stalker and Dark Shadows. *It won't take much to improve the movie version of 'Dark Shadows' over the NBC revival from a number of years ago.* ▼▼▼ **Tim Curry** didn't take long to nurse wounds from his canceled sitcom with best friend **Annie Potts**. Tim has already signed to do a series called The Tim Curry Show for the WB Network. ▼▼▼

Misc...

The 9th annual GLAAD Media Award's take place in three parts and in three different cities this year, New York City, Washington, DC and Los Angeles. The awards are given to honor those and their projects that best convey balanced and accurate portrayals of gay, lesbian and bisexual issues. ▼▼▼ It's taken years but the world of Star Trek has finally found a gay character. But don't go rejoicing so quickly, it's only in the Marvel comic book Star Trek: Starfleet Academy. One of the series' continuing characters, Yoshi Mishima has always been gay but wasn't formerly outed until this issue. The confirmation takes place when a reptilian alien cadet squawks at the idea of having to share a room with Yoshi stating "It's sick and morally wrong!" Sadly, now that such a historical event has taken place the 'Starfleet Academy' comic series has been canceled and this issue No. 19 will be it's last. *Yep, no more shore leave to Uranus to have a fling with a hunky Klingon professor.* ▼▼▼

Questions and comments: Gerald Semas, Gsemas@aol.com

ENDQUOTE

"There are easier things in life than being a drag queen. But I ain't got no choice. Try as I may, I just can't walk in flats." - Harvey Fierstein

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Good hunting

by Stefan Grünwedel
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***Good Will Hunting.* Starring Matt Damon, Robin Williams, Stellan Skarsgard, Ben Affleck, Minnie Driver. Directed by Gus Van Sant. (110 min.)**

Good Will Hunting has been nominated for nine Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Actor, Supporting Actor, Supporting Actress, Film Editing, Original Song, Original Screenplay, and Director. Is it worth so many nominations?

Not all, of course: Original song? Film editing? This film does not spring to mind for those particular things. However, the fact that the screenplay was written by two young men who also played major parts in the movie is an achievement in itself, whether or not they actually receive an award for it.

Will Hunting (Damon) is a very bright individual who spends his days as a janitor at MIT and his nights with his meathead buddies in South Boston. He has a talent not only for standing up for himself in a barroom brawl, but also solving complex mathematics problems that stump most professors.

His rough, working-class, foster-family upbringing explain his social hang-ups and fighting spirit/defense mechanism, but what about his photographic memory of countless books on history, art, science, and literature? *Good Will Hunting* doesn't try to explain why he is so smart. It simply shows how he deals with that intelligence and how others relate to him because of it.

Psychology professor Sean McGuire (Williams) is asked by MIT mathematics professor Lambeau (Skarsgard)—who's stunned by (and jealous of) the boy's equation-solving abilities—to help the boy, who has a penchant for getting into fights and going to jail. If Sean is able to calm the kid down, Will may be offered a lucrative job with the government, a cutting-edge corporation, or a big-name think tank.

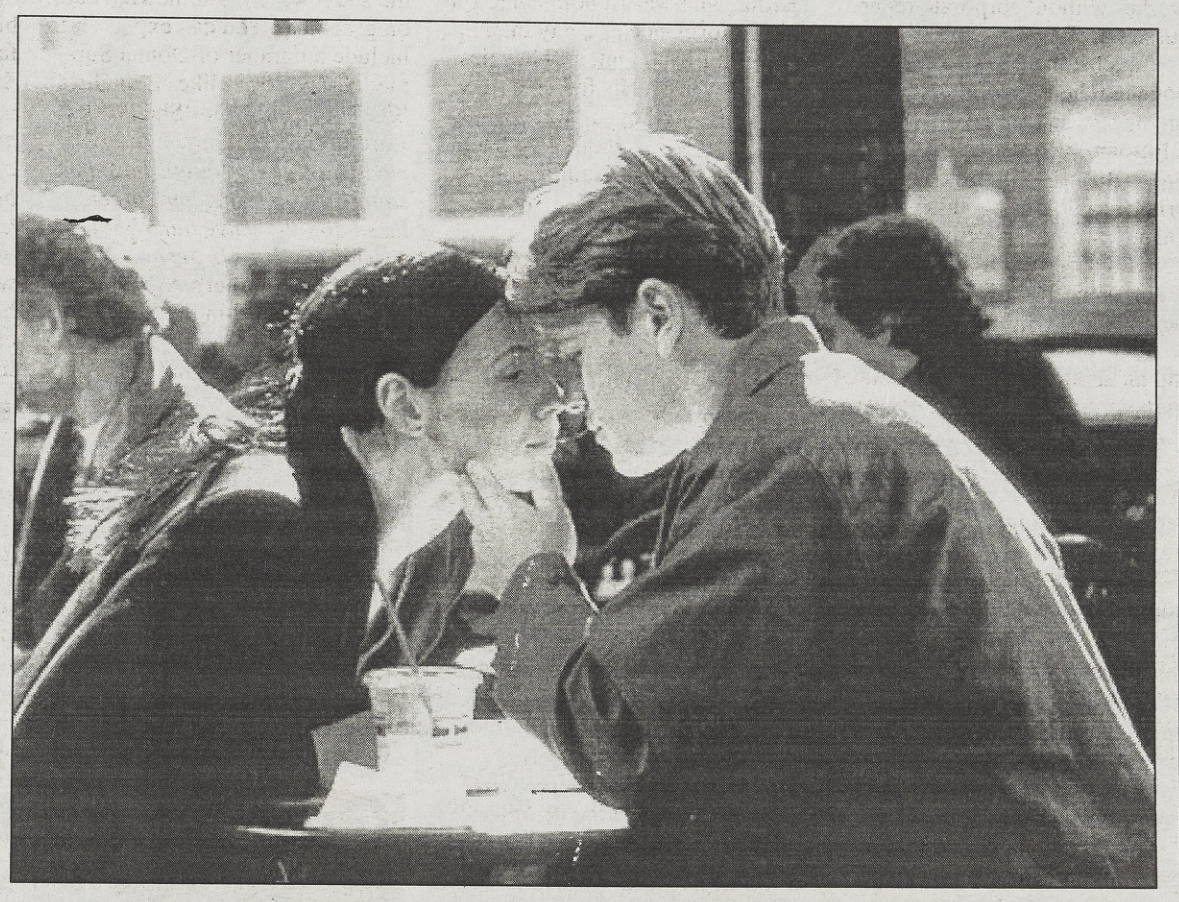
Whether this is what Will wants is another story. He has his heart set on Harvard college student Skylar (Driver). Unfortunately, he's never really opened his heart for anybody before. Moreover, with her planning on transferring to Stanford, it remains up to him to decide whether to expand his social horizons and join her in California or retreat to where it's safe but confining.

With all these different people vying for Will's attention, the film tends to jump from subplot to subplot, never developing each storyline fully.

It's just as hard to see what Will really gets out of the companionship with his buddies—besides feel-good times—as it is to understand what makes him attracted to his sort-of girlfriend, or why he is so belligerent towards the professors.

All three stories intersect and affect each other, yet only the relationship between Will and Sean is developed the most. Although each one carries significant emotional baggage from the past, they both show the other that life can be much more rewarding than previously thought.

At its most trite, *Good Will Hunting* conveys an unrealistic pull-yourself-up kind of message. But in other scenes it confronts with candor the issue of how to find meaning in one's life, as when drinking buddy Chuckie (co-screenwriter Affleck) talks to him honestly about how he feels about Will's great intelligence and apparently destiny, compared to his own. Will wants things to remain as they have always been—friends that hang out. Chuckie says he'll break Will's neck one day if he doesn't use his incredible gift to make something better of himself.



***Good Will Hunting.* Minnie Driver as Skylar, and Matt Damon as Will Hunting.**

Throughout, however, the two professors are not portrayed in a favorable light. Lambeau is particularly selfish, and apparently both disdainful and admiring of his old community college-teaching friend Sean. Unfortunately we don't get to appreciate fully their shared past together or understand the built-up hostility between those two. They both end up just being jerks.

With such serious subject matter as a basis for this drama, it's nice that there's plenty of humor to enliven the story—and even without Robin Williams as the instigator of all chuckles! Indeed, although he is a major character in the film, his acting remains understated throughout much of the film, which is saying something, given his considerable ability to dominate any movie he's in.

In the end, *Good Will Hunting* has many features that make it better than other films that have been nominated for Academy Awards. The screenplay is very smart, and Damon's acting is quite good. Both should be recognized with an award on March 23rd.

Good Will Hunting plays at Century Complex and Century Cinedome Sacramento. Check out some video clips from the movie at the Miramax Café Web site at www.miramax.com. ▼

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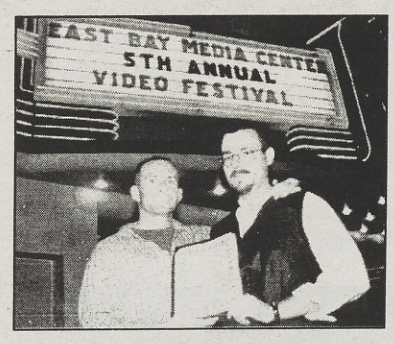

"On the Boulevard," a new half-hour skit comedy video series produced for the national g, l audience is about to make its debut in over 45 major U.S. cities this March. Up-beat, fast paced and totally irreverent, the show takes a new approach to traditional skit comedy, putting a gay 90's spin on the genre. Similar to "The Kids in the Hall", "In Living Color", "Mad TV" and "Saturday Night Live."

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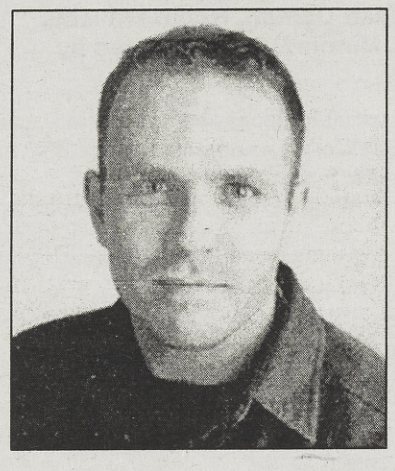
An Evening with Michelangelo Signorile



The Multi-Cultural Center at CSU Sacramento will be presenting "An Evening with Michelangelo Signorile", outspoken gay writer, essayist and lecturer who has been listed by Time Magazine as the man who invented "outing". The program is scheduled for Monday, March 23, at 7pm and will be held at the CSU, Sacramento University Union. The topic will be "Being Queer in America". Immediately following the program will be a book signing and reception. Info: Leonard Valdez, 278-6101 ▼

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One In Ten is accepting submissions for Reel **Affirmations 8: Washington, DC's Annual Celebration of Gay & Lesbian Films**. Reel Affirmations is one of the top four film festivals in the U.S. and draws films from around the world. Film producers are encouraged to submit preview video tapes of films made by and/or about g/l/b/t people.

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Innkeepers Workshop

How to reach the gay traveler is the topic of a workshop for the first time at the world's largest conference of bed-and-breakfast/country innkeepers. This marketing workshop was prompted by gatherings at previous conferences and is now formally offered.

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The conference begins March 29, the workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, the last day of the conference at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. Info: 805-569-1853 ▼

Chastity Bono and The Ellen Show

Remarks by GLAAD's Entertainment Media Director, Chastity Bono, regarding the sitcom *Ellen* were taken out of context to suggest that she felt the program was "too gay-specific." When she was asked why some individuals may not be tuning in, she responded with a number of theories that are currently being discussed in the media, including that some viewers might feel the show deals too heavily with gay storylines. What the article fails to mention is that Bono and GLAAD strongly believe that the program contains themes that transcend issues of sexual orientation, and are entertaining and appealing to audiences gay and straight.

The article also does not cite the work that she has been doing in support of *Ellen* and that GLAAd is working diligently to ensure the sitcom's return for another season of quality television. *Ellen* is a milestone for the community and GLAAd salutes the contributions Ellen de Generis has made towards television programming that accurately portrays the lives of lesbians and gays. ▼

Gingrich to Speak at Gay Youth Pride Day

The Youth Pride Alliance (YPA) announced that lesbian activist Candace Gingrich will be one of the keynote speakers at Youth Pride Day on Saturday, April 18. Gingrich is the National Coming Out Project Associate Manager for the Human Rights Campaign. The Youth Pride Alliance is a coalition of over 25 youth support and advocacy groups in the metropolitan Washington, DC area. It includes the Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL), Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG DC), G/L Straight Education Network (GLSEN DC), seven campus student groups, Metro Teen Aids Coalition and BiNetwork DC. Info: (202)588-8008. ▼

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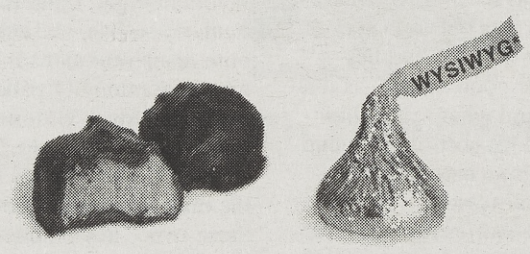

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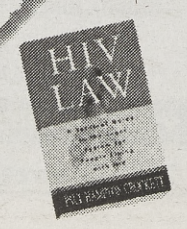

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Impressionable Style

Marina, Dream Lover, MRK Records

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The title track "*Dream Lover*" drills five holes in the dance floor: *Radio Mix* (grooves packed tighter than a samsonite), *Extended Mix* (streeetch-it you know what I want), *The Dream Velvet Mix* (slap it, flip it, rub it down, inside my head), *Galaxy Love Mix* (beams me up one side and down the other....capt'n she's gonna blow), and *Brutal's Groovin Vocal Mix* (69 beats or 68 beats and I owe you one) all five tracks cut like a stiletto through warm butter. **Marina** takes **Jewel's** "*Foolish Games*" and puts it in check (*Radio*), and then checkmate (*Ex. Club*) maneuvering and manipulating every dance nerve in your body, two well produced pieces. The third track "*Um-Lotty-Da*" showcases the songstress's aggressive vocal style as she whips you into a uncontrollable dance frenzy. The *Dream Lover* EP is the result of talent and hard work....and it shows with each note I heard. Congrats on a new upcoming sound from a new upcoming label. *P.S.* - What's up Jimmy.

–Charles Turner

Earth.Water.Fire.Air

MaDonna, Ray of Light, Warner Bros. Records

Well, she's back, looking will, rested, fit, and ready to take her pop to another level. **MaDonna's** *Ray of Light* was definitely designed with dance being a driving, but not overpowering force, telling a story like words on a page. The marriage of electronics and **MaDonna** pop appeal to the senses as "*Drowned World/Substitute For Love*" showcase the emotions of fame the track "*Swim*" walks the ocean floor washing away the negative. The title track "*Ray of Light*" transforms itself into one pulsating beam as each beat increases its intensity. The "*Candy Perfume Girls*" off beat appeal is different in a techno way and acts as a nice cover for the mid-tempo "*Skin*", do I know you from somewhere? As close to vintage as it gets.... "*Frozen*" a inward look accompanied by some moving sync, mood moving. *Ray of Light* are 13 new songs that have fused **MaDonna**-pop and electronic beats to form a revolutionary new pop sound. The emotion and passion **MaDonna** felt recording resonates in each song she sings. Critics choice "*Little Star*" (based on content and groove-ability).

—Charles Turner

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Garden Song, Camilli String Quartet, Sugo Music

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Island Jazz

Dean Fraser, Big Up!, Island Jamaica Jazz

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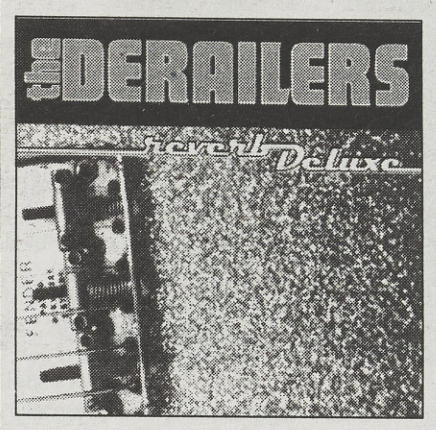

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The Gendered Body: Sex and Gender Construction in Navajo

An Interview with Navajo Anthropologist Wesley Thomas

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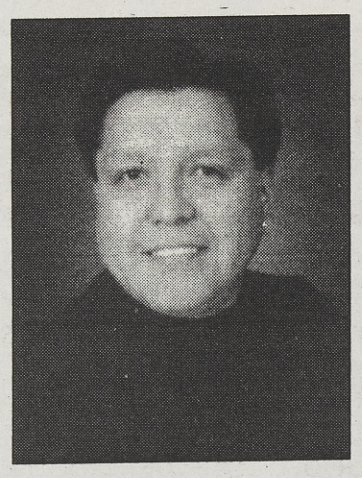

Wesley Thomas is a Navajo weaver , poet and anthropologist studying at the University of Washington in Seattle where he also teaches the Navajo language. Professor Thomas has published a number of essays on Navajo gender identity in several recent books, has been interviews for a PBS documentary "Woven by the Grandmother" to be aired in March, presented dozens of papers at professional conferences throughout the U.S., received approximately two dozen awards for scholarship and consulted and guest lectured throughout the U.S. and in Canada and Germany.

Bruce Pierini is an anthropologist at Sacramento City College and teaches courses on Native North America. As part of its City Lights speaker series, the SCC Staff Resource Center is bringing Wesley Thomas for a free public lecture on Thursday, March 26 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM in building Rodda North 258. Space is limited. Please call SCC Staff Resource Center at 558-2165 if you plan to attend. He will explore many of the issues raised here in more detail and will also speak at American River College on Wednesday, March 25, at 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in Raef Hall 162.

During the last two centuries Western explorers, scholars and others were aghast at what they perceived as "abnormal," "unnatural" and "illegitimate" sexuality and gender variation among Native American groups. Western notions of the "naturalness" or inevitability of two genders consistent with two sexes went largely unchallenged.

Some late 19th and early 20th Century ethnographers had noted Native American acceptance of gender variance that was markedly different from the standard Western dichotomy of masculine men and feminine women. Early scholarly work ignored or gave only brief accounts of this variance which included feminine men and masculine women and became known in the West as "berdachism." Most of this work on the "berdache" was piecemeal and focused on a particular tribe. By 1940 the noted American anthropologist Alfred Kroeber said "the time is ready for a synthetic work on this subject." Yet not until the post-Stonewall gay rights movement had there been much broad, serious and sustained work on Native American sex and gender variance. Much of this work has been done outside academic institutions since many historians and anthropologists reflected their own society's prejudices and stayed far away from researching and writing about these topics.

The scholarly interest in gender and gender variance has increased tremendously in the last twenty years due primarily to the rise of feminist and gay studies. One of the most important writers on the subject is University of Southern California's Walter Williams. Williams, an ethnohistorian and Director of USC's Center for the Study of Men and Women in Society is the author of the much-acclaimed *The Spirit and the Flesh: Sexual Diversity in American Indian Cultures.* Many other gay and lesbian writers of the 1980s and 1990s have made impressive efforts and filled in important gaps concerning the existence of male-and female-bodied persons who perform the role of the opposite gender. Will Roscoe's *The Zuni Man-Woman* (1991) about the life of the well-known and well-loved We'wha, is another notable source. Many writers have consciously and unconsciously sought a cultural model for a positive attitude toward gender variants and an acceptance and even celebration of sexual diversity. From at least the beginning of the gay rights movement in San Francisco soon after the Second World War, a growing number of them thought they had found such a model. Harry Hay had been doing cross-cultural research on homosexuality and alternative gender roles as early as the 1950s. Such research allowed Hay and others to conceptualize patterns of gender and sexuality outside the Western framework.

It now appears that the 1980's and 1990's overwhelmingly positive, almost deifying interpretations of the highly-respected role that gender variants played in Native America are problematic because these interpretations themselves were constructed through various powerful filters — historic and cultural. Gay writers may have overstated their ethnographic point. The Navajo case is particularly important because it has been used as a primary ethnographic example of where the role of the "*nadleeh*," or male-bodied individual who performs the role of a woman, is one of the most highly venerated in North America.

Wesley Thomas is studying the role of *nadleeh* and has both the perspective of a Navajo weaver (work done primarily by women) and anthropologist. Professor Thomas believes the topic of sex and gender constructions in Navajo is very complex, relatively unexplored, often misunderstood and even potentially destructive as Western writers seek to take this knowledge out of its cultural context and put it to their own uses.

The following discussion is from an email interview and has been lightly edited for style.

Pierini: Why are you studying Navajo cultural constructions of gender and sexuality?

Thomas: Hearing the creation stories in Navajo culture in my early years, where the most interesting stories were about the construction of the human bodies, that was the initial reason why I decided to explore the concept of gender and sexuality from a Navajo view.

During my first year of undergraduate education, I kept reading of Native gender and sexuality from non-Native views. A good percentage of these views were hearsay and expressed through third parties. The messages were not accurate, true or current. The word "berdache" was constantly used and I knew that this term has never been used by Native people themselves on the reservation. The term and concept only exist in the imagination of the researchers and not the Native people. It is an imposed label by anthropologists, historians and others. A colonial term.

Q. What has the process of research and writing been like for you personally, socially and professionally?

Thomas: Writing is the most complicated venue for me. Since English is not my first language, I have the hardest time with it. I am better at expressing my views and thoughts in Navajo since that is my first language. The main problem is translation. Many of the documents today which cover Navajo thoughts and ideas are glossed translations [misleading interpretations].

I am more inclined to do literal translation. The latter certainly does add to my problem in attempting to convey my Navajo thoughts into Western words by using the English language.

As I do my research , I find that a huge portion of my data are not appropriate for translation into English. It is best to keep that data in the Navajo realm. Some things, just as life, are best kept in their cultural context, where they are meant to exist, function and then cease. They lose their meaning or function when they bridge into another "world."

> ***The damage to Native "gay" people" is a harsh assessment, but a reality; those outside the Native cultures in North America don't see it, but I am sure this is occurring. I, too, did not see this coming until fairly recently when I took a step back to look at the big picture. No, it was not a pretty sight.***

Q. One can easily understand why you would find the term "berdache" objectionable because of its colonialism. What about the term's original foreign meanings — derived originally from Persia then diffused through European languages — of a passive young male or boy sex partner? Is that also an important objection you have to the term?

Thomas: Yes. The term "berdache" states that the male-bodied person was kept for sexual purposes. This concept was never recognized within any Native tribal groups in North America. The terms used in specific tribal nations, i.e., *nadleeh* (Navajo) *llahama* (Zuni) and others, refer to their contribution to their own tribal nations and the powers they possessed in helping to maintain the culture for their specific tribes, where they resided.

Q. "Two-Spirit" was a term coined in 1990 by Native American's during the 3rd Native Amerian/First Nations gay and lesbian conference in Winnipeg. Can you define what it means?

Thomas: The working definition of "Two-Spirit", at this moment, is a person who is biologically of one sex, but has changed their role to the other gender. For example, a biological male (sex) person who identifies as a woman (gender) is Two-Spirit. Basically, that is what it means. Of course, the meaning changes from region to region and tribe to tribe. It will take a while for the term to settle in as acceptable to all parties.

Two-Spirit people used to encompass cultural power and knowledge; furthermore, only parts of their power, as it was defined and understood in the past, continue to exist. This change over the years has been due to modern technology, education, Christianity and other factors of cultural change. Only a very small number of Two-Spirit people exist here and there in little pockets of this country. And only the local people are aware of this. Not only have they been displaced from their own cultures, but they have been displaced from their own sense of self.

The Navajo cultural purpose for *nadleeh* is one example. *Nadleeh* is the Navajo word for a male-bodied person who functions in the role of a woman. Many Navajo elders do not want me to make *nadleeh* part of public discourse. The *nadleeh* tend to take up a role designated for the female sex. From my research, I perceived that *nadleeh* was designed solely for the purpose of fulfilling a role in Navajo religion. As in many cultures world-wide, religion is the domain of the male sex. To give the male sex a sense of purpose, religion was invented, since natural power is already possessed by the female sex—through menstruation.

The *nadleeh* danced as women in Navajo winter ceremonies. Rarely is this done today. Outside the religious context, *nadleeh* are not discussed because they are intertwined with cultural power. Many of the Navajo ceremonies have died out since no one is relearning the ceremonies; some of these ceremonies included the role of the *nadleeh* in the realms of religion, culture, the social environment and in other areas of Navajo life. The "true" meaning and purpose of *nadleeh* have disappeared a long time ago. Navajo elders scold me for "bringing them back to life with my words"—through my textual reconstruction. "They should rest in their places where they can live their lives as prescribed by the Holy People," I am constantly told.

To give a sense of purpose to and for ourselves and maintain who we are as Navajo people, our thoughts, knowledge and power have to be kept esoteric. It is *not* simply to keep secrets that we want certain knowledge to be kept within Navajo culture — or in any indigenous cultures for that matter — but a need and desire to hang on to our identity as Navajo people. In order to do that we have to have control over our voices and our minds so that we're not mined. In this post modernist era, my research work, along with others, is countering colonialism and modernists' work, which is the norm in the North American academy and literary canon. Ironically, it is not defined as such, since we live and breathe colonialism everyday. It is just like air, it is there without our acknowledging its existence.

Q. You have stated that prior studies by social scientists and others have failed to adequately explain Navajo views regarding gender. Is this due to translation problems or are there other factors at work?

Thomas: The cultural baggage we all carry around plays a huge role in how we attempt to define how the "other" lives or exists. It is more than language. I would say that "our" view of the world and how it should be determines how we talk about "other" people. No matter how long we might have lived with the "other" people, one cannot clearly define what they are all about, even from an "insider's view." The window is not so clear, from either side. We keep trying to clean the window with various theories to present a better and clearer picture. In some case, the window gets blurrier.

Q. In Western society we have traditionally categorized two genders congruent with two sexes — mascline males and feminine females. There is a growing acceptance of androgyny in the West. How do you and others among Navajo view this change in Western culture?

Thomas: I guess Western culture is not as advanced as it thought of itself. Then again, no one is perfect. As some know, perfection is an illusion. We all have to keep growing, especially intellectually.

Q. How many genders are there in Navajo?

Thomas: Multiple. Thus far, I have about seven and I suspect there are more. In this case, only time will tell. *'Aszdaan* means a woman . *Nadleeh* is a male-bodied person who functions in a role of a woman. *Hastiin* means a man. *Nadleeh* had been misapplied to female-bodied persons before 1950 and in some cases is still misused today. This is simply due to ignorance or lazy research work by anthropologists, historians and other researchers.

Q. What do you call a female-bodied person who functions in the role of a man in Navajo?

Thomas: There are various terms mentioned throughout my work. The most frequent term I heard was *dilbaa'*. I still have yet to explore the meaning for this term. I suspect that it is one term out of several which might have been used by various female-bodied persons within Navajo culture.

The term *dilbaa'* does not apply to female-bodied persons who fulfilled the roles of assisting men. These were women who momentarily occupied a role which is a normal part of being a Navajo woman. For example, many women went on war raids with their spouses in the 1770's and 1800's. These women could not be seen or labelled as *dilbaa'* merely for doing a non-gender behavior on their own.

Q. What are the other three gender roles among Navajo people?

Thomas: In addition to the three that I have mentioned above, there are 1) masculine female: female-bodied person who does the work of men. This population in the last century would have been classified under a branch of the *dilbaa'* category.

2) As we mentioned, "Two-Spirit" is a recent Pan-Indian term used by Native people who are urbanized. There are Navajo men and women who formerly classified themselves as being gay, but have reconsidered their self-identification and emerged recently as "Two-Spirit." This identity was not used within Navajo culture but has been accepted as a cultural term brought from the outside.

3) Just as in the case of the term "Two-Spirit", the terms "gay" and "lesbian" are being used and accepted for self-identity by some individuals within Navajo culture. This work continues, as I write my dissertation. I am not sure what the outcome will be. Still, if and when my dissertation is finished, it will not completely list the gender and sexual identities as they are understood within Navajo culture.

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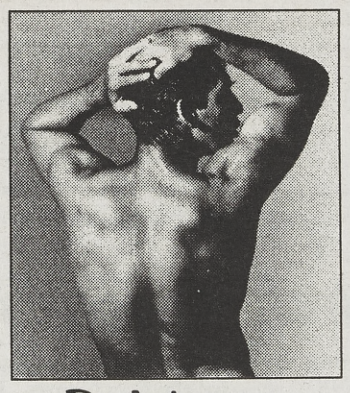

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First Court Ruling Against Anti=Gay Boy Scouts Policy

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund won the first appellate court victory against the Boy Scouts of America's policy of anti-gay discrimination. The Appellate Division of New Jersey's Superior Court ruled in favor of a gay Eagle Scout, who challenged his expulsion by the Boy Scouts as a violation of New Jersey's anti-discrimination law.

"Today's ruling returns the Boy Scouts to the kind of organization that its members already believe it is—one that is truly open to all boys and promotes self-reliance and respect for the rights of others," said Evan Wolfson, Lambda senior staff attorney. Wolfson argued the case, *Dale v. Boy Scouts of America*, to the New Jersey Appellate Division in Hackensack, New Jersey, on December 8, 1997.

James Dale was invited to become an assistant scoutmaster after compiling an exemplary scout record and earning the prestigious Eagle Scout Badge. However, he was abruptly expelled in 1990, after BSA officials learned from a college newspaper story that he was gay. Dale filed his lawsuit for reinstatement in the BSA in 1992, in the first case to invoke New Jersey's law prohibiting sexual-orientation discrimination.

In its 54-page ruling, the court also said:

"There is absolutely no evidence before us, empirical or otherwise, supporting a conclusion that a gay scoutmaster, solely because he is a homosexual, does not possess the strength of character necessary to properly care for, or to impart BSA humanitarian ideals to the young boys in his charge. Nothing before us even suggests that a male, simply because he is gay, will somehow undermine BSA's fundamental beliefs and teachings. Plaintiff's exemplary journey through the BSA ranks is testament enough that these stereotypical notions about homosexuals must be rejected,...

In our view, there is a patent inconsistency in the notion that a gay scout leader who keeps his 'secret' hidden may remain in scouting and the one who adheres to the scout laws by being honest and courageous enough to declare his homosexuality publicly must be expelled..."

In 1995, with a harshly worded opinion, peppered with biblical allusions and references to "sodomy" and "buggery," a lower court ruled against Dale, refusing to apply the New Jersey anti-discrimination law to the Boy Scouts and generally ignoring the case law governing other discrimination claims in New Jersey. The lower court also evaded the standards established by the U.S. Supreme Court for determining when organizations are expressive associations and thus have first amendment protection to discriminate.

Dale, now 27, said, "The court has taught the Boy Scouts the same lesson I learned in 12 years of Scouting. I look forward to continue to serve with the fine people who make up this organization." ▼

San Francisco AIDS Foundation Fund-Raiser Spaghetti Feed

Istanbul's Police Intimidation of Human Rights Award Winner Demet Demir

Istanbul's police have posted a twenty-four hour watch outside the home of human rights award winner Demet Demir, arresting anyone who left or attempted to enter the building.

The police activity coincides with the beginning of a court case brought by Demet Demir against a number of Istanbul policemen. DemirÕs case accuses them of torture during her interrogation in July 1997, when she was taken into custody for insulting the police. This was the result of her trying to stop the police beating a young migrant girl selling paper handkerchiefs on Istiklal street. After a period of three days in custody, Demet appeared in court, was found not guilty and released by the judge.

After her release Demir was examined by a doctor who reported that she had been tortured during her custody. She laid charges against the policemen responsible, and it is this case which is currently before the courts. Info: Lambda, Istanbul e-mail: turkiye@qrd.org ▼

Hotel Rooms are Still Available During Gay Games

A recent survey by the Netherlands Reservation Center in Holland among Amsterdam's hotels shows that accommodations during Gay Games Amsterdam 1998 from August 1-8 are booking up fast, but there are still plenty of hotel rooms. Sports Leisure Travel owner Mark Hoffman has invited everyone to the "Gay Games Reception" on Sunday, March 22, 3-5pm. Hoffman says they still have some 5, 8, and 10 day packages available at a deluxe hotel in Amsterdam.

Amsterdam is hosting the last Gay Games of this century and 15,000 participants as well as 200,000 spectators are expected to visit the Dutch capital. Tour operators have also reserved hotel space in the surrounding towns and cities. Holland is a small country and public transportation is excellent. Visitors who book late and have to stay in metropolitan Amsterdam will still be able to go to all the events and partake in the festivities. Budget accommodations as well as 4 and 5 star hotel rooms are still available. For information on hotels and to make reservations: Sports Leisure Travel, 361-2051. ▼

Gay Games Adds Cultural Programs

Gay Games Amsterdam 1998, August 1-8, will include 30 competitor and six spectator sports. Besides sports, it will offer the largest cultural and festivities program in the history of the Gay Games. During the games, 15,000 participants and 200,000 guests will visit Amsterdam, Holland.

Over 40 art exhibitions at Amsterdam's renowned museums, such as the Rijksmuseum, The Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art, and the Jewish Historical Museum, will be shown, all related to the Gay Games. Galleries and museums will offer visitors a selection of historic and contemporary gay and lesbian art and cultural expression. Theater and musical performances will take place in several Amsterdam theaters such as the "Stadsschouwburg," which is the municipal theater. Performances by the legendary Harvey Fierstein, "Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo" and the Japanese Shadow Theater of Ken Togo will be featured. The festive Openings Ceremony on August 1 will be held in the Amsterdam Arena. It will include a parade of all 15,000 participants and a Klompendans (Clog Dance) by Hans van Manen, choreographed by Rachel Beaujean. ▼

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Court may close pot outlets...

A commercial enterprise cannot be considered a "primary caregiver," says the California Supreme Court, and therefore cannot legally furnish marijuana for medicinal purposes under Proposition 125. This ruling most likely could seriously impact the San Francisco Cannabis Cultivators Club and others like it which provide high-grade quantities of the drug for Californians with glaucoma, cancer and AIDS to relieve nausea or restore their appetite. Proposition 125 allows a seriously ill person and their caregiver to possess and cultivate enough pot for that person upon a physician's recommendation. One obstacle from the day the Proposition passed has been to assure the safety of the licenses of our physicians in writing a "prescription" for an illegal substance. The Cannabis Club was closed briefly, but a San Francisco judge ruled that it could re-open because its clients listed the Club as their "primary caregiver." However, a higher court over-ruled this interpretation of the proposition, saying the "caregiver" must also be the one responsible for the person's housing and safety. Club owner Dennis Peron says he will stay open "until the tanks come." We'll see what happens next as California's taxpayers and voters attempt to obtain compassionate medical relief for those who need it. ▼

AZT cost reduced for poor women...

Glaxo Wellcome pharmaceuticals has announced it will reduce the price of AIDS drug AZT for HIV-infected pregnant women in developing nations in an attempt to stem the spread of mother-to-child transmission of the virus. The company made the agreement with United Nations health officials following new data showing that even short-term doses of AZT (Retrovir) at the very end of pregnancy and during birth can significantly reduce the probability of transmission to a baby. Although Glaxo would not comment on what the reduced cost might be, sources say it could range from $50 to $150. The longer-term treatment administered in the United States costs about $1,000 per mom/babe. Glaxo also said it would consider reducing the price of AIDS drug 3TC (Epivir/ Lamivudine) if it proves similarly effective under shortened administration conditions. ▼

FDA officially approves Crixivan...

The Food and Drug Administration has given final approval to Merck's HIV therapy Crixivan (Indinavir), which received marketing clearance by way of an accelerated approval process two years ago. The drug—which, under the FDA's early access programs created at the insistence of AIDS activists, has already become the most widely prescribed protease inhibitor in the country — was officially approved based on research that showed it averted death and AIDS-related symptoms when used in combination with anti-retroviral medications. ▼

Doctor, hospital sued for confidentiality breach...

The AIDS Legal Council of Chicago has filed suit against a physician and La Grange Medical Hospital on behalf of two unnamed plaintiffs who say that the physician informed relatives of the married woman she was treating that the woman had contracted HIV. The doctor and a nurse at the hospital apparently went on to tell the plaintiffs' family members that the woman's husband was aware of his HIV status when he married her, and he "gave her AIDS." The plaintiffs allege that this disclosure violates the AIDS Confidentiality Act. ▼

HIV skin disorders differ by gender...

HIV-infected women appear to have viral skin diseases less frequently than HIV-infected men, report researchers from UC-San Francisco at the recent meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology. They found a 1.5 percent incidence of potentially serious skin diseases in a study of 322 HIV-positive women, as compared to previous studies which found a 21 percent incidence among men. The study, part of the Women's Interagency HIV Study, also supports the long-observed view that women have a much lower incidence of Kaposi's sarcoma (KS) than men, and that the incidence of herpes simplex is lower in women as well. Also at the meeting, a researcher from Spain reported that nearly 70 percent of HIV-infected patients in a study of 1,161 men and women had some kind of skin diagnosis, such as dermatitis drug reaction eruptions, or other problems. A Harvard researcher reported that ultraviolet B (UVB) phototherapy does not raise the level of virus in the blood of people with HIV, despite research showing that HIV is activated by UVB in laboratory cell cultures. ▼

AAL "career opportunities"...

Here's our annual reminder "alert" about the AIDS Action League, which solicits door-to-door and by telephone, and has classified ads in the Bee again that say "activists for AIDS needed." AAL is a direct-solicitation organization which utilizes the majority of the dollars donated by the community to pay for "salary and bonuses, and paid training" for their solicitors, canvassers, and staff, rather than using the money for AIDS services in the area. They do not work in cooperation with, or on behalf of, any of the local AIDS organizations such as CARES, the AIDS Foundation, or others that are struggling financially to provide quality service for our AIDS population. Citizens of Sacramento, San Joaquin, and other nearby counties where AAL's canvassers work, sometimes without a license, may be well advised to exercise extreme caution in donating to AAL, as well as in donating their time to the league's efforts, or in supporting "fund-raisers" on their behalf. ▼

PCP pneumonia remains after successful treatment...

French investigators in Nice report that most people with HIV who have received successful treatment for Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP) still show detectable levels of the bacteria following therapy. An examination of 53 people who had been treated for PCP found that it persisted in 64 percent of them. Secondary treatment was administered to 22 people, and four of these relapsed within a 19-month follow-up period. But the researchers found that the PCP recurrence was most likely due to new infection -- that persistence of PCP does not indicate ineffective therapy. The results emphasize the importance of consistent on-going treatment to control the bacteria that remains behind. ▼

Predicting likelihood of HIV dementia...

Researchers from Emory University and the Centers for Disease Control say that HIV-positive people with fewer than 100 T-cells plus either anemia or another AIDS-defining condition are at high risk for developing HIV-related dementia within a 2-year period. The study examined the medical records of more than 19,000 HIV-positive men and women, investigating factors associated with the development of dementia. The researchers found the lowest probability for developing dementia among people with greater than 200 T-cells and no additional risk factors. The researchers note that, while no proven preventative treatment for dementia currently exists, it may be possible to identify those individuals who could benefit from existing and candidate therapies such as AZT, which crosses the blood-brain barrier.

(Studies on dementia show that people with HIV, but without symptoms of AIDS diseases or infections, usually do not experience the instances of disorientation, short-term memory loss such as forgetting names or appointment times, diminished motor coordination or balance, leg weakness, trouble completing thoughts, or personality changes, mood changes, or social withdrawal that may appear as the disease progresses, and as HIV invades the central nervous system and directly infects the brain of about two-thirds of people with AIDS. A wide array of changing responses such as depression or confusion can certainly be an appropriate response to a health crisis. At the same time, people are faced with possible unknown side effects of some toxic drugs that can alter awareness, possible nutritional deficiencies as the body changes, etc. The symptoms of dementia can easily resemble those of other medical or emotional problems. It's therefore essential to work with an AIDS-knowledgeable physician and mental health professional to talk through your situation and new feelings and develop a teamwork of trust so as to accurately identify situations that may be attributable to a dementia diagnosis. Many symptoms are potentially treatable once accurately diagnosed.) ▼

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Q. According to USC ethnohistorian Walter Williams in *The Spirit and the Flesh,* the role of the *nadleeh* was a virtual deification or very high position of respect; and that highly regarded position is directly related to the very high status Navajo women enjoy. In other words, there was no shame in a male taking on women's characteristics or behaviors since women themselves were so highly regarded.

Thomas: I would say, I do not completely agree with Walter. His work is very important and essential in helping to better understand the *nadleeh* concept within Navajo culture. Nadleeh are people of the past. Only now, through the postmodern deconstruction period are we analyzing this gender identity. We are now able to afford to analyze this Navajo concept — and it is not a re-analysis since no one had analyzed it adequately earlier.

Nadleeh, in the past, at times did enjoy the privileges bestowed upon Navajo women. For example, privilege could occur at religious gatherings where the Nadleeh enjoyed their status. In the quiet periods of their individual lives they were part of matriarchal households, abiding by the same rules of the family as anyone else. They did not carry the high status as equal to women, all the time.

I would say that many of the ideas conceived in publications by non-Native writers tend to read more into the lives of *nadleeh*, for example, to solely accommodate the "gay" agenda.

Q. Then would you argue that Williams' *The Spirit and the Flesh: Sexual Diversity in American Indian Culture* and Will Roscoe's (ed.) Living the Spirit*: A Gay American Indian Anthology* (1988), to name just two of the most influential books on Native gender construction, painted an overly positive picture of pre-Christian and contemporary acceptance and quasi-veneration of the *nadleeh* role?

Thomas: In these samples of both authors' work, yes, they have. Since I am not familiar with the roles of Two-Spirit in the pre-Columbian time frame of other Native tribes, I can only elaborate on the Navajo. Roscoe's edited collection includes work from various tribes. Both authors have presented a romantic image of *nadleeh* and placed them in positive spaces within Navajo culture. I got to the point where I thought "Where is this taking place, or which tribe is this they are talking about?"

Q. How did this romanticization, if that's what it is, fit the "gay agenda"?

Thomas: Knowing that the *nadleeh's* "sacred" space exists within Navajo culture, that knowledge is used by non-Navajo as a mirror-image for Western culture. This information is used as a mechanism or method to define a place within Western culture for queer space, marriage, etc.

The general understanding and knowledge about Two-Spirit people evolved from the contemporary social world, not from the Native religious world. "Two-Spirit" is a recent term. On the other hand, the term *nadleeh* evolved from the native religious world, not the social world. *Nadleeh* or Two-Spirit are often exoticized or romanticized. Taking only the good parts of the Two-Spirit worlds and mentioning them in another culture is romanticization. So, discourse on *nadleeh* is a romanticization of Navajo gender, which is why I am "marginalized" by traditional Navajo people.

Q. Could you describe what the life of a *nadleeh* (feminine man) might be like and how it may differ from, for example, a *Hastiin* (masculine man) or an *'Aszdaan* (feminine woman)? What are the distinctive patterns of a person's daily or seasonal life which mark off this special status to themselves and to others?

Thomas: Well, at times a *nadleeh* would have not been readily detected. They generally functioned in doing the same tasks that Navajo women did. They took care of children, they wove textiles in their homes, they cooked for family members and visitors alike. They danced as women at ceremonies where dances were part of the ceremonies. They took care of sheep just as other women did. We have this grand idea that *nadleeh* existed only on a pedestal. They simply functioned as every other human within a specific culture. Only at particular times did they exist in areas which were marked off for them. For example, they were biologically men, but they danced as women in ceremonies. It was considered nothing unusual. They were human beings living their lives as other people surrounding them. No big deal.

Q. Apparently the indigenous use of the term "Two-Spirit" by Native American gender variants was a conscious attempt to distance themselves from non-Native gays and lesbians. Why was this important?

Thomas: Some of the Two-Spirit people could not relate to how gay people identify themselves. Two-Spirit encompasses spirituality, which Native gay and lesbian identified people found missing from their urban gay identities. Spirituality is an important part of the Two-Spirit identity that was missing from the non-Native "gay" identity and that this spirituality is important in tying a people together in their bands, tribes and nations.

Q. Could you **talk about your own marginalization for taking Navajo knowledge and bringing it to academic and public audiences?**

Thomas: Since the concept of nadleehism is not a part of normal discourse in Navajo culture, contemporary gay writers and other historians have re-made the *nadleeh* into an exotic person within Navajo. This literature has reached all disciplines in academia.

When the Navajo hear about *nadleeh* from non-Navajo they are startled since the Navajo people on the reservation *have not* and *are not* hearing the true roles of the *nadleeh.* The romantic image of *nadleeh* has been constructed outside of the realm of Navajo life, thoughts and ideas. Because of the "puffed up" and misleading representations of *nadleeh* the Navajo have removed such people to the rim or margins of Navajo culture because their identities have been created by Western gay writers, outsiders, and these identities are not understood from the Navajo view. The European/American gay/gender/sexuality authorities have distorted and damaged the lives of the "gay" people on the reservation. They thought they were helping the "gay" people in the isolated areas of this country, i.e., reservations, but the gay agenda has begun the genocide of the "gay" people of the Native cultures. This is readily dismissed by the gay/lesbian population.

The damage to Native "gay" people" is a harsh assessment, but a reality; those outside the Native cultures in North America don't see it, but I am sure this is occurring. I, too, did not see this coming until fairly recently when I took a step back to look at the big picture. No, it was not a pretty sight.

Q. The over-simplified and often negative views regarding gender variation in Western society are changing but are, I think, still predominant. Look at what happens to the little boy who wants to be a girl, to his family and their friends in the current movie *Ma Vie En Rose*, for example.

Thomas: Personally, I think Europeans/Americans have just recently given themselves permission to look around. Many do not like what they have seen, so some retracted back into their cocooned world and a handful have ventured out to explore. Those who are exploring are the ones readily accepting other ideas and concepts. They are the only ones who are moving and fulfilling their lives. On the other hand, the ones who live in their cocooned worlds are dealing with themselves in conflict and chaos, which gives them little time to invest in their own growth. They thereby shortchange themselves in living a fulfilled life, as life intended them to be. ▼

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The Fear of Intimacy

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I want to feel more intimacy in my relationship. "I don't understand why we don't feel as close as we did when we first fell in love." It's a common complaint of people in relationships and one that sends many seeking help in a therapist's office. What often keeps us from closeness in our intimate relationships is fear but why we feel fear in our closest relationships is more complicated.

It is common to expect our partners to make the work of life easier. By nature we are socialcreatures. Without human contact, comfort, and attention, infants fail to thrive. So, seeking out a partner to explore the intimacies of human connection with is natural. Natural, yes. Easier? No!

"I risked asking for what I needed and didn't get it. It hurts but I'm okay. If I ask I'm more likely to get my needs met."

To be open and vulnerable in front of another, most often brings up fears which are often deeply rooted in the past.

None of us grew up in a void. We've all experienced relationships in the past. Those experiences, especially from our earliest relationships, provided us with a lens through which we view the world. If in our earliest relationships our needs were met and we felt comforted, we will continue to have that expectation of all relationships. If however, we were neglected or met with a harsh or humiliating response when we had needs, we may have learned to hide our needs or to expect rejection if we have them. Our earliest relationships provide a foundation for how we experience all relationships.

As frustrating as it feels, it is difficult to overcome our fear. The very thing that we desire, closeness and intimacy, may feel the most threatening to achieve. It requires that we risk. It involves letting down our guard in a relationship, perhaps letting our partner know what it is we really need. The risk is that we may not get what we've asked for and dealing with the feelings of vulnerability and exposure may feel painful.

The "story" that we tell ourselves about why our need was not met is often the source of our pain.

"I never get my needs met. Why bother asking." Or, "No one loves me or cares about me. This is proof," are ways that we tell ourselves hurtful reasons for not getting what we need. The reality may be quite different. Our partners may be tired, not understanding the importance of what we are asking for, or perhaps even unable to give us what we need when we need it. Not getting what we've asked for does not necessary mean something about our worth. That is just the story that we tell. And that story causes us pain and the pain causes us more fear in being vulnerable.

It sounds like a vicious cycle. And it is, unless we do something to interrupt it. We can start by examining our beliefs about relationships and understanding what our early relationships taught us to expect of all relationships. Then we must determine to begin telling ourselves the truth rather than the "story" that we are more familiar with but that causes us so much pain. "I risked asking for what I needed and didn't get it. It hurts but I'm okay. If I ask I'm more likely to get my needs met than if I don't." Acknowledging our hurt and taking care of ourselves by not blaming ourselves or our partner helps us to stay open in our intimate relationships. Staying open and acknowledging our feelings helps us to achieve the intimacy that we desire. ▼

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Softline Salutes National Women's History Month

Softline Information applauds National Women's History Month by preserving the voices of women on its Full Text database Women R (WR). WR contains almost two decades of coverage of the Women's Rights Movement - from a discussion with Maya Angelou on her response to the Feminist Movement and its impact on black women to coverage of anti-suffragists, like Catherine Beecher.

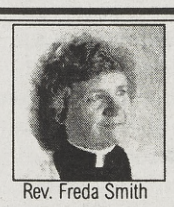
WR also captures history. Future generations will gain a better understanding of women's struggles, courage and achievements and the issue of gender equity in the 1980's and beyond. There is now a source for documented comprehensive coverage of legislation directly affecting women, such as the Family Medical Leave Act, and bills concerning breast feeding in public and the workplace. Issues such as sexual harassment, date rape, displaced homemakers, the effects of welfare reform, single parenting, gender equity and domestic violence are also highlighted. WR will continue to cover women in politics, education, the arts, medicine, sports and business as well as the everyday issues of women worldwide. Info: 800-908-8570. ▼

Survey Shows Gay Youth Coming Out Earlier Than Ever

A survey of over 2,000 young people completed by "Out Proud," the National Coalition for G/L/B/T Youth, and Oasis Magazine, youth on average first realize their sexual orientation at age 12 and are telling friends and family for the first time by age 16. The survey found that they tell their best friend first and the response is overwhelmingly positive. 63% reported that one or more times they had been "verbally insulted because they are, or are thought to be, queer." Also, a shocking 68% have seriously thought about committing suicide, and 40% of those who had, depended on support found on the Internet for someone to talk to. Regarding the future, 78% see themselves eventually in a committed relationship and over 50% hope to have children and marry someone of the same gender. Info: http://www.oasismag.com/survey ▼

Spiritual Coming Out Stories

Integrity/Northern California is collecting, "Piritual Coming Out Stories". The goal is to use these stories within the faith communities as a starting place for discussion and to raise awareness and increase support for those who must struggle to integrate their spiritual journey with their sexual orientation. Remembering that courage often consists of small daily struggles to live their life with integrity and love. Stories may tell of your "coming out" to yourself, family, friends, members of your faith community or to others in the gay and lesbian community. Write: Integrity, Trinity Cathedral Church, 2620 Capitol Ave, Sacramento CA 95816 ▼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Holistic Diet Makes a Difference

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We all want everyone to admire our dogs. After all, we each think we have the most wonderful, beautiful and fantastic dog there is. However, those of us who show dogs know that at a dog show, we are just one of the crowd. However, last weekend the unimaginable happened. At a show in Belleville, Illinois, Flash was noticed!

No, we didn't win, but we did get a good look and made the cut on Sunday. What made us feel great was that on Saturday, shortly after our arrival, a well-known, well-respected breeder of German Shepherds and Pembroke Welsh Corgis, stopped us to comment on the fact that Flash looked spectacular and that he was in wonderful condition! On Sunday, she took me aside to ask about Flash's diet!

Now, most people close to me know that I am a believer in the old adage that "we are what we eat" and that I believe that refers to our pets as well. I have been an inveterate label reader for years and have meticulously fed my dogs diets that were free of corn, soy, wheat and artificial preservatives. Although it is a somewhat controversial concept, a holistic approach to feeding is healthier than what most of us tend to feed. Sunday's conversation was a real validation of the changes I have been making in the way I feed my dogs; particularly, the changes that I have been making in that regimen since attending a Wendy Volhard seminar last October.

Volhard's book, **A Holistic Guide to a Healthy Dog**, (Howell Book House, NY, 1996) outlines a totally natural approach to feeding dogs; an approach more in keeping with the needs of animals as they once were in the wild. Think about the fact that no one cooked the rabbit the dog caught in the pasture before he devoured it, entrails and all!

The diet includes grains, fresh raw meat, (including liver), fresh raw vegetables and fruit. One reason for returning to a natural diet rather than staying with the commercial diets most commonly fed today, is the fact that nutrients and natural digestive enzymes are destroyed by heat and commercial dog foods are not only developed by a cooking process, they are also filled with additives, preservatives food coloring, flavor enhancers and other ingredients that too often lead to serious allergies. The traditional approach to feeding our dogs is the major culprit in destroying the immune system.

One of the problems serious breeders of show dogs have battled over the past several decades has been a deterioration of quality in our breeds. The dogs are more susceptible to genetic defects; new diseases and problems arise constantly and temperament is deteriorating. We are doing things to our beloved pets that are literally killing them. Without a healthy immune system, our dogs can't thrive.

One of the things that I noted about the dogs that we have been rescuing over the past year is that they are thin, coats are dull and lifeless, as are the eyes. The animals are nervous and often have behavior problems that make them unadoptable. When we changed the diet and added supplements, the entire picture changed. With daily handling for their emotional well being and a healthy diet as indicated in Volhard's book, the dogs made 360 degree turnarounds. The diet helped reduce stress and balance the immune system. The dogs we took to **Pet Smart** for adoption were happy, thrifty looking and their behavior was stable. They stood head and shoulders above the other animals presented for adoption.

The most frequently asked question is "what, exactly, do you feed." So, here is the regimen. I don't do the grains as outlined by Volhard, but I do feed one of the best, holistic foods on the market today, **Solid Gold.** I also feed the Solid Gold supplements, Sea Meal, Yucca, and Scorbate.

(For information on the product, call Jane Watkins at 485-3527 or contact them direct at 619-258-1914 or 258-2780. Fax 619-258-1907. Email:dane@electriciti.com or at http:/www.solid-gold-inc.com

One of the major problems with most commercial foods, even those touted as being premium foods, is that they are basically corn based. Corn breaks down to sugar and just as children react to too much sugar in the diet, so do dogs. A great deal of the behavior that many define as hyperactivity is merely a sugar high from a corn based feed. Don't misunderstand. Not every dog reacts to sugar just as not every human will. But I've found too many instances where a change in diet, away from a corn based feed makes a drastic difference in the energy level and the animals ability to concentrate and to learn. Rest my case!

Three days a week I feed fresh, **raw meat**, including **organ meats** such as **liver**, **heart**, **kidneys**. I will buy a roast or other meat on sale and dice it for inclusion in the dry food and supplements. Then, I will alternate a day of **fresh, raw, chopped vegetables** mixed with the dry food. I use some frozen if fresh aren't in season. They include, **brocolli, squash, carrots, beets, cabbage, garlic, green beans, spinach, potato, turnips**. Not every dog likes all vegetables. I have one little girl who will pick around carrots, but devours everything else.

Then I will feed a day of dry food and **fresh fruit**. **Peaches, apricots, raisins, oranges, apples,** etc. The favorite mix seems to be a **sweet potato,** microwaved, chopped and mixed with **grated apple** or **pear, a chopped orange**, and a handful of **raisins**. I also feed **cottage cheese** and/or **plain yogurt** at least twice a week and add a good digestive enzyme. Which, along with the natural enzymes in the meats, fruits and vegetables, lead to better digestion, therefore, better use of the foods being fed.

Three times a week I feed a **5 minute boiled egg**, crushed up, shell and all for the calcium. I also feed lots of bones. Not only do they help keep the teeth clean, but they also help keep the dogs occupied. A second major authority on the natural diet approach to feeding is Dr. Ian Billinghurst. His book, **Give A Dog A Bone,** is also serving as a valuable guide to feeding my dogs. **(Billinghurst and Volhard books are available through Direct Book Service, 1-800-776-2665)**

I feed 2 times a day and find that I am feeding less food all the way around. My Corgis, average weight between 25 - 30 lbs, only eat 1/2 cup of dry food each meal and 1/4 cup of the added ingredients. They are maintaining a marvelous weight and they have healthy, glossy coats. They smell better, stay clean longer.

One of the problems that corrected itself is the bad breathe that I lived with for 5 years with Cammie and two years plus, with Flash. Cammie has not had a normal heat cycle since she had Flash and the litter 3 + years ago. This last cycle was a normal heat, normal discharge and of full three weeks duration. I won't be breeding her again because of her age, but had I corrected the diet when she was younger, I have no doubt that we would have had several litters from her.

The holistic diet is no more expensive than feeding anything else. In fact, I am feeding less dry food now. One drawback is that with 6 dogs, it takes more time, but I have it down to a science now. Of course, the major benefit is the fact that the dogs are healthier! This is a giant step toward increasing longevity.

Believe me, when people stop to admire your dog because its beautiful and healthy, you will be so proud, particularly when you can share with others the reasons why. The benefits far outweigh any possible inconvenience. Even my veterinarian is changing the way he advises his clients on feeding and vaccination regimens as a result of what he has seen in my dogs and the holistic veterinary seminars he's been attending.

Buy the book, read it. If you can't make all the changes, make a few, you will gradually begin seeing improvement. I modified the diet to fit my lifestyle. You can do the same. I am seeing results, so will you. And, it will all be worth it if our four legged friends will be able to live a longer, happier life.

If you have questions or comments, you can E-mail me at JBGuertin@aol.com. ▼

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Peppy the not so Cat

Seven years ago I got a cat. To be more accurate, I was willed a cat.

My story begins in 1987 when the mother of a friend of mine became terminally ill. She asked my friend and her husband to care and provide for her cat "Peppy". The cat did not like men, was not at all peppy as her name implied, in fact, she was lazy and fat with 3 inch fur.

As things happen, my friend herself became ill with cancer seven years ago and passed away after only 3 months. At her funeral her husband told me she had left a last request for me and my wife. As you might have guessed, she asked that we care and provide for her mothers cat in her stead. I was not excited at the idea, but, it was a last request and my daughter wanted a cat.

Our cat died the morning of March 10, she was old and had reached the end of her happy life. My daughter called me at work and told me she was not doing well and was having difficulty walking. I asked that she put her in her bed and let her rest as she would most likely die in her sleep. I arrived home at 2am and found my cat waiting for me at the top of the stairs to my room. I took her to her bed and sat with her as she took her last breath.

In the morning my daughter told me she had put our cat to bed several times and she had literally crawled to the stairs to wait for me to get home. I will not forget her and I'm thankful she is at peace. ▼

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The Canary Islands of Spain

Gay paradise or same ol' same ol'?

Mike Grasso
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Many gay travel books list the Canary Islands appear as a hot tourist mecca for gays and lesbians worldwide.

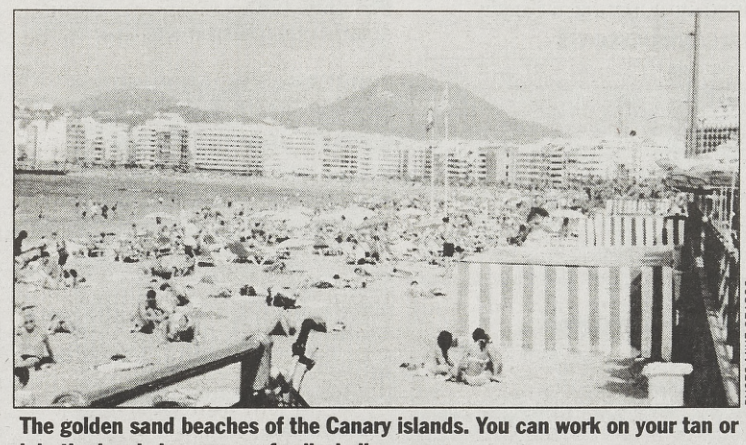
Some of you are probably asking..."the what islands?" Not the Cayman Islands (boycotted by some gays), the Canary Islands, owned by Spain located off the coast of Morocco in Northwest Africa. Gay German, Italian, Spanish and Swedish flock to these islands during European winter as the Canary Islands bask in the sun.

Many different countries and cultures are represented on the islands, the main language is Spanish, and most of the people do not speak or understand English or care too.

The main island is "Gran Canaria" and throughout February and March the island has a Carnival where **All** the locals and tourists participate. The Carnival lasts a week and takes place different weeks depending on what city you are in. This is not a carnival with expensive ride tickets, never ending lines, and rude people, it's a **Huge Drag Show**, or so it seems. "Carnival at Las Palmas (de Gran Canaria)" starts the last week in February with a 3 mile parade across town. Boys, girls, moms, dads and even a couple dogs dress up. Masculinity, "strait acting and appearing" does not apply for Carnival, you might see a guy wearing no shirt and baggy pants hanging out with his friends and picking up on girls, and by nightfall he is in full drag flaunting his stuff. After the parade the locals and tourists gather in the streets for a huge party with live bands, salsa music, dancing, drinking, meeting with friends, making new ones, and having a great time, until sunrise. The next day, it starts all over again, more parties, more drag shows, more fun.

The parades occur in the late evening "mas o menos" around 8pm. So during the day you can tour of the island by bus, shop in one of the many stores or "El Corte Ingles" which is a seven story shopping center with everything from bird seed to home furnishings and bubble gum to name brand clothes. Very little is actually made on the Canary Islands thus finding that perfect bargain can be tough. A pair of Pepe Jeans cost $5880 Spanish Pesetas which is about $40US. That is a pretty good deal, but then a Spice Girls CD would cost around $18US. If you aren't interested in shopping; the Las Canteras beach is very nice yet crowded. Los "caballitos del diablo" which is a very strong African wind blows sand and dust across the whole town during some afternoons. At the very least, you need an extra Pepsi with lunch for your dry throat, or in a worst case scenario- everything shuts down.

Most books on the Canary Islands talks about Playa del Ingles/ Masapalomas. One word for this place: WOW! Only a one hour bus ride to the south from Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (apx $5US) you find the gay ghetto of the islands. At the nude beach, 300-400 bare bodies soak up rays and in the middle of it all a bar serves ice cream and cocktails.



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The golden sand beaches of the Canary islands. You can work on your tan or join the locals in a game of volleyball or soccer.

In Masapalomas you find just about anything a typical tourist trap offers from T-shirts to bus tours. The sand dunes located near Playa Del Ingles are amazing. Miles and miles of nothing but hills and valleys of sand that literally appear to be in the middle of nowhere.

The club/disco scene is alive throughout the island as well. The Yumbo Center located at Playa Del Ingles is similar to an outdoor mall with shops and restaurants by day, gays and lesbians take over after 10pm and it becomes a huge cruising zone with gay clubs and "adult stores." Instead of Spanish Pop music like Thalia and Mercurio, they play popular European artists, Backstreet Boys, Spice Girls, Janet Jackson and other dance tracks. The clubs are alive from about midnight until sunrise, mostly people chatting, dancing, and an occasional drag show.

Including airport layovers in New York and Madrid, the plane ride is about 16 hours.

Everything mentioned can be found in Mexico or other countries closer to home with less airtime and less expensive. Still, for the diversity seeking traveler the Canary Islands was notable. There is little crime on the island of nearly half a million people and Gays and Lesbians enjoy nearly a 70% approval rating by the locals. The environment and people of the Canary Islands are nice. If considering a trip to the Canary Islands, included 3 or 4 days in Madrid or London, it is on the way and you will enjoy a more complete and fulfilling vacation. Buen viaje! ▼

Wearin' of The Green

Myrna Sparks
MGW/Staff

The "wearin of the green" on March 17th calls everyone, no matter our heritage, to drink green beer, dance an Irish jig and celebrate with those of the Emerald Isle! If the Irish spirit captures you, a trip to Ireland should be a "must" on your travel calendar. From the Clare Coast (spectacular beauty of rugged and rocky cliffs rising 750 feet above the Atlantic Ocean) to the Georgian elegance of Ireland's capital city, Dublin (theaters, museums, concert halls, charming pubs and endless antique shops), this green "spot of heaven" is a very friendly and affordable destination for travelers to explore.

Traveling throughout Ireland can be by rental car (driving on the opposite side of the road demands total attention from the driver, as well as all passengers in the car!), train, private car and driver or on an escorted tour. Technically, Ireland is considered a third world country and so a holiday in Ireland is one of the most affordable in the world. This will not stay this way long as Ireland's economy is rapidly improving as many high tech firms have discovered the commitment to a strong work ethic that the Irish bring to their jobs.

Tours to Ireland tend to visit only the wonderful sights in the Republic of Ireland and do not go into Northern Ireland (or "Occupied Ireland" as an Irish Catholic friend of mine recently put it). A seven to ten day tour of Ireland will visit the Cliffs of Moher, Galway Bay, Donegal, the town of Blarney with the castle and the stone, the famous Lakes of Killarney, Limerick and the Treaty Stone, Adare (the prettiest village in Ireland) Yeats Country of Donegal, and of course, Dublin. Ireland's rugged landscape challenges golfers with unrivaled golf courses that include Lahinch, Ballybunion, Waterville and Druids Glen. And fly fishermen rank Ireland and Scotland as the best fly fishing destinations in the world! Ireland truly offers something for everyone, whether you go for the shopping, sightseeing, sports, food (seafood is the best) or to trace your Irish roots. Once in your life, celebrate St. Patricks' Day in Ireland...the "wearin of the green" in Ireland is an experience you will never forget! One week packages (March 13-20, 1999) are now being sold for this special Irish holiday. ▼

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CALENDAR

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR CALENDAR LISTINGS:
Nonprofit organizations may list events in MGW's calendar at no cost. Please send info at least 10 working days prior to desired publish date in the following format: event, sponsor, place, time, cost, phone. Mail to MGW Calendar Editor, 1725 L St., Sacramento CA 95814. Those individuals, businesses, or organizations wishing to list "for profit events" and activities should call 441-6397. ▼

March - April '98

MARCH

15 SUNDAY

BACH TO BACH,Sacramento Men's Chorus/ Sacramento Women's Chorus,8pm, First United Methodist Church, 2100 J Street, 484-5789

WILD & WONDERFUL FLOWERS, 1:30pm, Ancil Hoffman Park, 489-4918

16 MONDAY

LIONESS READER'S GROUP, "Stones from the River" by Ursala Hegi, 7:15pm, Lioness Books, 2224 J Street, 442-4657

BRIAN MCKNIGHT IN CONCERT: 7:30pm, Sacramento Community Theater, 1301 L Street, 447-8862

MEN'S DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 6pm, 442-0185

17 TUESDAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE: 6-7pm Free Parade, 7-11pm Party on the Delta King, $12.50, Old Town Sacramento, 344-4229

ANNUAL CALIFORNIA NONPROFITS WEEK: 8am-6pm, Tsakopoulos Library Galleria and the Capitol, 828 I Street, 213-347-2070

18 WEDNESDAY

BEGINNING SOAP MAKING PART II, with Chris BARTUS, 6-8pm, Urban Herbalist, 447-HERB

ON THE BOULEVARD, Screening at Faces, 2000K Street

19 THURSDAY

CAPITAL CROSSROADS, general rodeo meeting, New/Current Members welcome, 7:30pm New Joseph's, 1454 Del Paso Blvd.

HERBS FOR A HEALTHY HEART, with Toni Garcia and Melynda Ruckels, 7-9pm, Herbal healthy heart tips, Urban Herbalist, 447-HERB

VALLEY KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, Installation of officers and new members, Spaghetti feed, all are welcome, 7pm, Joseph's, 455-6540

SCIENCE FICTION FILMFEST, The Brother From Another Planet by John Sayles, 7pm, #261 Olson Hall, US Davis, 530-752-8500

20 FRIDAY

DAPHINE SCHOLINSKI: Booksigning & Reading from her book *"The Last Time I Wore A Dress"* 7pm, Lioness Books, 442-4657

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING, Line and Partner Dancing, 7:30-10pm, Central United Methodist Social Hall, 53rd and H, $2.00, 492-2644

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PART STATE CONVENTION: March 20-22, Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, 443-3855

21 SATURDAY

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS, Mountain bike ride near Auburn, 972-9230

DANCE JAM: 8-10:30pm, Step 1 Dance & Fitness, 2005 19th Street, 454-5526

CHANT: MEDIEVAL and MODERN; with Chanticleer, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1017 11th Street, 1-800-407-1400

GARDENING FOR BIRDS, 1:30pm, Ancil Hoffman Park, 489-4918

CAMPING WOMEN: Snow Day/Truckee Area, Downhill, Cross Country and play, 451-9132

TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS: Cal State University, Hornet Gymnasium, 921-1464

EAGLES WALKING GROUP: 9am, Perko's parking lot, I-5 and Richards Blvd., 991-2420

22 SUNDAY

DOT, Let's catch an early matinee movie, 772-1371

TOWER BENEFIT RUN, Live entertainment, 7am-11:30am, Kim 758-4251

23 MONDAY

MICHELANGELO SIGNORILE: *"Being Queer In America"*, 7-10pm, California State University, Redwood Room, University Union, 278-6101

LAMBDA FREEDOM FAIR MEETING, Planning meeting, 6pm, Lambda Comm Center, #117, 920 20th Street, 649-1987

The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, Eagle Theatre, 925 Front Street, Friday & Saturday Evenings, March 14-April 11, 8pm

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, featuring Michael Feinstein, 8pm, Davies Symphony Hall, $15/$45, 415-864-6000

18th ANNUAL ACADEMY OF FRIENDS OSCAR NIGHT GALA, 5:30pm-Midnight, Fort Mason, Festival Pavilion, S.F., 415-252-0713

READERS SPEAK: 7:30pm, Border's Books, Pavilions, Fair Oaks Blvd., 922-4885

MEN'S DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 6pm, 442-0185

24 TUESDAY

GLSEN GSAC, meeting, 7:30pm, SAC City Teachers Office, 5300 Elvas Ave., 456-4265

CREATING POSITIVE BODY IMAGE, Women's Health Series, Lioness Bookstore. 7-8:30pm, 451-0878

25 WEDNESDAY

ANNOINTING OILS, with Valerie Giordano, 7-9:30pm, Learn about energies of essential oils, Urban Herbalist, 447-HERB

26 THURSDAY

FLAGS NIGHT OUT: Foothills Lesbian & Gay Society, 6:30pm, Borba's Pizza, 1813 Douglas Blvd., Roseville, 823-9883

27 FRIDAY

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS: Slide Show and general meeting, 972-9230

DOT: Women's Blues at CSUS, 363-7919

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Beth Sholom & Sha'ar Zahav, March 27-29, Kashrut observed, Westerbeke Ranch, Sonoma, 415-861-6932

CANTAI: Concert, Latin American Music, 8pm, St. Francis Catholic Church, 26th & K, 338-0300

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING: Line and Partner Dancing, 7:30-10pm, Central United Methodist Social Hall, 53rd and H, $2.00, 492-2644

28 SATURDAY

LIVING WITH WILDLIFE, 1:30pm, Ancil Hoffman Park, 489-4918

EAGLES WALKING GROUP: 9am, Perko's parking lot, I-5 and Richards Blvd., 991-2420

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS: Cross Country Skiing at Royal Gorge, 972-9230

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S CHORUS: Reunion Concert, 7:30pm, Music Hall, CSU , Room 142A, 530-756-2531

29 SUNDAY

17TH ANNUAL SACRAMENTO KITE FESTIVAL, 11am-3pm, Ancil Hoffman Park gamefield, 875-6651

FESTIVAL ITALIA, Luncheon fundraiser to benfit Central Methodist Church Youth, 11:30am-1pm, Social Hall, 53rd and H, 452-5016

BASIC BIRDING, 1:30pm, Ancil Hoffman Park, 489-4918

30 MONDAY

MEN'S DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 6pm, 442-0185

31 TUESDAY

SELF DEFENSE with Midge Marino, 7-8:30pm, Lioness Bookstore, 451-0878

APRIL

1 WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S READING GROUP Open Book, 7pm

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS: Dining Out, 972-9230

2 THURSDAY

READING CLUB MEETING,Open Book 7:30pm

CLASS: Healthy Mother, Healthy Baby, with Toni Garcia, 7-9pm, Urban Herbalist 447-HERB

3 FRIDAY

VERONA VILLAGE PRESENTS: Ladies Night, 9pm-2am, 448-7798

BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS: with John Batchelor, 7:30-10pm, Social Hall, 53rd and H, Central United Methodist, 492-2644

ANNUAL STARLIGHT FANTASY FUND-RAISER: 7-10pm, Sacramento Grand Ballroom, 629 J Street, Tickets $35, 443-5300

MEDIATION CONFERENCE: American Society of Professional Mediators, 3 days, McGeorge School of Law, 354-2947

4 SATURDAY

GAY LITERARY HERITAGE READING CLUB MEETING, Open Book, 10am

EAGLES WALKING GROUP: 9am, Perko's parking lot, I-5 and Richards Blvd., 991-2420

COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING CLASS 8:30am, Howe Park, 927-7241

5 SUNDAY

PSYCHIC & HEALING ARTS FAIR: Sacramento Holiday Inn, 10am-5pm, 5321 Date Ave., Madison and I-80, 821-4535

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS: American River Bike Ride, 972-9230

JOSEPH'S SUNDAY BRUNCH, 1454 Del Paso Blvd, 9am, 922-8899

LEATHER & LACE WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING, Open Book, 7pm

Fluctuating Hemlines, Saramento Ballet, April 16

6 MONDAY

MEN'S DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 6pm, 442-0185

WOMEN'S CHORUS, 6:30pm, 737-7464

FRONTRUNNERS & WALKER, CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

DOT: Russian National Orchestra, Sac Community Center, 363-7919

7 TUESDAY

CAPITOL CITY SQUARES, Gay square dance club dance, 6:30-8:30pm Jefferson School, 2001 Pebblewood, South Natomas, 929-8697

POETRY READING CLUB MEETING,Open Book, 7:30pm

8 WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S READING GROUP, Open Book, 7:00pm

FACES, Ladies Night, 2000 K Street, 448-7798

INTRODUCTION TO REIKI: with Charlene Parman & Brenda Wahl, 6:30-8:30pm, 447-HERB

9 THURSDAY

ECLECTIC TRASH READING CLUB, meeting,Open Book 7:30pm

10 FRIDAY

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT FOR JUSTICE: 8:30pm, Palms Playhouse, 726 Drummond Ave., Davis, 992-6843

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING, Line and Partner Dancing, 7:30-10pm, Central United Methodist Social Hall, 53rd and H, $2.00, 492-2644

DOT, Women's Night at Verona Village, meeting at 8pm, 772-1371

11 SATURDAY

DYKES DO DRAG: 8pm, Show at 8:30pm, Club 2201, 2201 Pillsbury, Chico 892-2117

EAGLES WALKING GROUP: 9am, Perko's parking lot, I-5 and Richards Blvd., 991-2420

DOT: Potluck brunch and Easter Egg Hunt, 11am, 923-2117

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS: Capay/Blue Ridge Hike, 972-9230

CAMPING WOMEN: Teddy Bear Factory, Pier 39, S.F., 451-9132

EVENTS MASTER CALENDAR

SAF: A Hollywood Affair, 448-2434 x228	March 23
Dinah Shore Weekend, 1-888-44DINAH	March 26-29
S.F. International Film Festival	April 23-May 7
Sacramento County Fair, 263-2975	May 7-10
Davis Gay Pride Day	May 31
Gay/Lesbian Days, Disney Orlando	June 4-7
Sacramento Lambda Freedom Fair	June 13
Olympic Track & Field Trials	July 14-23
Capitol City AIDS Dance-O-Rama 863-3727	July 18
SAF: Legendary Gatsby Summer Gala, 448-2437, Ext 228	August
Paradise Ride, Hawaii, 213-654-0800	August 8-15
Cap the Rockies Ride, Colorado, 213-654-0800	Sept. 8-13
Mercy All-Star Weekend, 851-2701	September 11-13
SAF: Capitol AIDS Walk, 448-2437, x228	September
Coming Out Day,	October 11
Anniversary of Domestic Partners Law in 1992	November 16

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THEATRE/DANCE/SYMPHONY

ACTOR'S WORKSHOP, *A Night of Comedy,* Opens March 5, Thur-Sunday, 8pm, 484-3750

AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE THEATER, *Symphonic Band,* Mar 16, 8pm, *Concert Band,* 8pm, March 19, *Sunday Jazz with Jessica Williams,* 7:30pm, March 22, *Torch Song Trilogy,* Apr 24-May 3, 484-8368

THE B STREET THEATER, *Gun-Shy,* Opens March 29, 7pm, 2711 B Str., 443-5300

CHAUTAUQUA'S PLAYHOUSE, *The Miracle Worker,* Mar. 6 - Apr. 11; *Gaslight,* Apr. 24 - May 30, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael, 489-PLAY

COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, *The Miser,* Apr 24, *Redwood Curtain,* July 9, 8401 Center Parkway, 688-7364

CHOLL DANCE, *Blues Spin,* 8pm, Solano Hall, CSUC, 6000 J Street, 451-3732

EAGLE THEATRE, *Best Little Whore House in Texas,* March 6 - April 5, 8pm, 925 Front Street, Old Sacramento, $10/$9, 207-1226

GEERY THEATRE/LAMBDA PLAYERS, *The Sum Of Us,* April 3 - 25, *Finding,* May 15 - June 6, 22nd & L, 448-9019

NEW CONSERVATORY THEATER, *My Night With Reg,* March 26- May 16, *Ballistic Femme,* Saturdays - April 17-May-3 25 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, 415-861-8971

ORPHEUM THEATRE, *Miss Siagon,* August 30 for 14 weeks, S.F.

SACRAMENTO BALLET, *Fluctuating Hemlines, Prodigal Son, Mozart's Requiem,* April 16, 17,18, Community Center Theatre, 1301 L Street, 552-5800

SACRAMENTO MEN'S CHORUS, *Bach to Bach,* Mar 14, 8pm, Mar 15, 3pm, First United Methodist Church, 2100 J Str., *Be-Bop and Bobby Sox,* June 12-13, 8pm, June 14, 3pm, Musicians Union Hall, 1925 Del Paso Blvd.

SACRAMENTO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, *Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5, Mahler: Symphony No. 1,* April 11, 8pm Community Center Theatre, 1301 L Street, 552-5800

SACRAMENTO THEATRE COMPANY, *Hometown Heroes,* Feb 17-Apr 26, *Three Tall Women,* Mar 24-Apr 19, *The Roar of the Greasepaint -The Smell of the Crowd,* May 5-31, 1419 H Str., 443-6722, 888-4STCTIX

THEATRE ZOE, *Dumbkin and the Three Feathers,* a play for children, Davis Art Center, 1919 F St., 530-759-7129

WINTERS OPERA HOUSE, *The Last Reading of Charlotte Cushman,* March 21

WOMEN'S PHILHARMONIC, *Suite from the Ballet,* May 2, Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco, CA 415-437-0123

WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE, *West Side Story,* Mar 20-Apr 11, 1998, *The Sensuous Senator,* May 15-Jun. 6, 340 2nd St., 530-666-9617

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Women's Fishing Club Kim 454-2896 tfn

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LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP
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Vacation wanted by single retiree & small Cairn Terrier for one month during March, April, May or possibly later in the Mendocino/Little River/Fort Bragg area. Must be private and have a spectacular ocean view. There is a reward for anyone with information that leads to a rental. If you know someone that has a rental call me. Carol 707-279-9515 tfn

Wanted

GAY GAMES, AMSTERDAM 1998
Badminton, no backyard game! Looking for advanced women's doubles partner for Amsterdam. If not interested in Amsterdam, interested in practicing on weekly basis? Andrea, 456-1543 4/15

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MEN SEEKING MEN

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VERSATILE TOP
Mature WM, 5'9", 165, blessed, seeking younger, smaller bottoms for fun, relaxing, stress relieving get togethers. Please be clean, healthy, open, honest and fun. Black a plus but not required. **3/19 ✆2093**

SMOOTH BOTTOM SEEKS HAIRY TOP
GAM seeking dark masculine top for fun. Me, cute, early 20's, 123lbs, slim build. You, early 30's and up, H/L and hairy. Facial hair is #1 turn on. Please fulfill my lonely night. You won't be disappointed. **4/2 ✆2106**

AMERASIAN CHEF
I'm 29yo, 5'11", 155lbs, br/br, good looking, honest, easy going, enjoy weekend get-a-ways, evening romance, love nature, and much more interesting. Seek 30-40yo, SWM, 6' a +, 180lbs, manly acting, appreciates Asian culture, the same interests, friend first/relationship possible. Please call. **4/16 ✆2113**

EMPTY HEART
GWM, 36yo, blue eyes, 128lbs. Looking for someone to fill my other half of my heart for Valentines. HIV OK. HIV- ND not a real bar person. Call me! **4/2 ✆2107**

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
GBM 36, seeking GM 30-37 for friendship or relationship. Must have his act together and know what he wants out of life. NS, ND, No Games. **4/30 ✆2118**

I'M THE ONE
28 year old, WM, Top, Brn/Blu, 5'11", Would like to meet W/L/M late 20's to mid 40's for friendship, poss. long term relationship. HIV+ a plus. **4/30 ✆2124**

HEART OF GOLD
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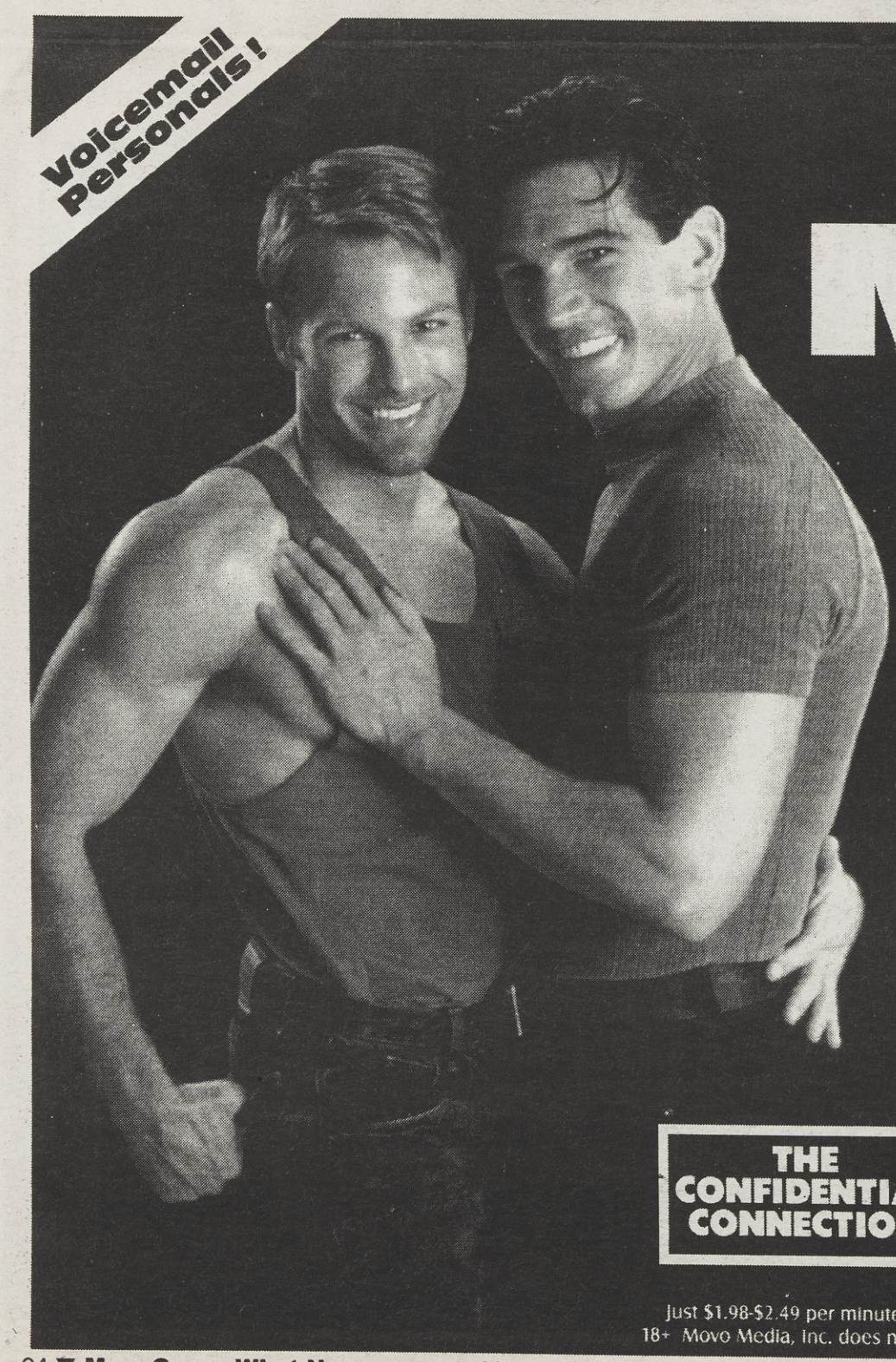

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